



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Certificate of Need Review Fees

The Department of Health (department) is considering rule amendments to update Certificate of Need (CN) review fees. Updates to CN fees in WAC 246-310-990 may also consider changes to clarify and standardize language.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.250 and 70.38.105

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is considering amendments to sections of rule regarding CN application and review fees to address funding requirements. The fees collected by CN must cover the operational cost of the program, including performing reviews; providing technical assistance; conducting public hearings; defending appealed program and department decisions; rule development; and coordinating with state and local authorities. An update may be needed to adequately fund the program. RCW 43.70.250 requires that all program costs be fully borne by the members of the program. Changes to rules are the only way to make fee adjustments.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments:

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd Mountin", is written over a light gray grid background.