



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-840-XXX, Pain management. The Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission is adding a new section(s) for management of chronic non cancer pain.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: ESHB 2876, Section 7, (Chapter 209, Laws of 2010), amending Chapter 18.79 RCW.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: ESHB 2876 (Chapter 209, Laws of 2010) directs the Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to adopt rules on chronic, non cancer pain management. The rules must include dosing criteria, guidance on when to seek consultations with pain management specialists, tracking clinical progress and tracking the use of opioids. Pain management is the practice of medically treating people who suffer from pain, including the management of long-term pain. This management often includes the use of opioids. Because of the health risks associated with opioid use, there are several state rules and guidelines for prescribing these drugs.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
Department of Labor and Industries

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
 Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study
 Other (describe) Collaborative rule making. Public meetings and drafts will be displayed on the Nursing Commission Web site at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/Nursing/RulesInProgress.htm> or interested parties can also use the Nursing Commission's list serve at www.qac-nursing@listserv.wa.gov or www.listserv.wa.gov

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)
Stakeholders will be notified and invited to participate in open public workshops and may submit comments for consideration. Stakeholders will be notified through profession and pain management listserv mailings, commission meetings, pain management workshops and meetings, and postings to websites. Contact: Terry J. West, Deputy Executive Director, Department of Health, Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, (360) 236-4712, terry.west@doh.wa.gov, Website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/Professions/Nursing/RulesInProgress.htm>.

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