

WSR 24-21-038

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Dental Quality Assurance Commission)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Clarifying continuing education requirements for dentists administering sedation. The dental quality assurance commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-817-773 Continuing education for dentists administering sedation, to ensure clear continuing education requirements.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.32.0365 and 18.32.640.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The program has been receiving inquiries related to clarification of sedation continuing education requirements. Continuing education must contribute to the professional knowledge and development of the licensed dentist to enhance sedation services provided to patients. Setting clear expectations would reduce confusion.

On July 26, 2024, during the commission business meeting, the commission authorized rule making to amend WAC 246-817-773 to clarify the continuing education requirements for dentists who administer sedation. Updating this rule would provide clear standards for sedation permit renewal requirements.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Debbie Gardner, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-236-4893, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email debbie.gardner@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The commission will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The commission will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rule making, visit doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit doh.wa.gov and select the button titled "Sign up for Updates From DOH" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, select "Health Systems Quality Assurance" and "Health Professions" and "Dental." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to received information related to that specific profession.

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