

**WSR 24-15-100**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Medical assistant-emergency medical technician (MA-EMT); establishing the credential. The department of health (department) is considering rule amendments and adding new sections to chapter 246-827 WAC, Medical assistants, to implement SSB 5940 (chapter 217, Laws of 2024).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: SSB 5940 (chapter 217, Laws of 2024) and RCW 18.360.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SSB 5940 establishes the MA-EMT credential for individuals holding a current EMT, advanced EMT, or paramedic credential. SSB 5940 allows an MA-EMT credential to work under the supervision of a health care practitioner in a hospital environment if the duties are within the scope, training, and endorsements of the MA-EMT EMT, advanced EMT, or paramedic certification.

The department will consider new sections in chapter 246-827 WAC to establish rule requirements for credential applications, training and certification, and medication administration concerning the MA-EMT credential. The department will also consider rule amendments to any other section in chapter 246-827 WAC for the purpose of establishing the MA-EMT credential, including amendments to WAC 246-827-990 Medical assistant—Fees and renewal cycle, to include the new credential fees.

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 Becky McElhiney, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4766, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email [medical.assistants@doh.wa.gov](mailto:medical.assistants@doh.wa.gov).

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will conduct a series of rules workshops. Rule-making notices will be delivered via the Gov-Delivery list. To receive notices, please go to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions," and then click again on "Medical Assistants." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions or facilities listed to receive information related to that specific topic.

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