

WSR 20-24-015**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY****DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(Washington Medical Commission)

[Filed November 19, 2020, 2:34 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-918 WAC, Physician assistants—Washington medical commission (commission), revising physician assistant (PA) rules pursuant to SHB 2378 (chapter 80, Laws of 2020) and updating PA rules to incorporate current, national standards and best practices.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.71A.150, 18.130.050; chapter 18.71A RCW; and SHB 2378.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commission is considering updating the PA chapter to more closely align with current industry standards, modernize regulations to align with current national industry standards and best practices, and provide clearer rules language for licensed PAs.

Included in this rule-making proposal is incorporating the requirements of SHB 2378 Concerning physician assistants. The commission is considering adding new sections in accordance with SHB 2378. This bill combines the PA licensing under the Washington medical commission effective July 1, 2021, and eliminates the profession of osteopathic physician assistant. The bill instructs the commission to consult with the board of osteopathic medicine and surgery when investigating allegations of unprofessional conduct by a licensee under the supervision of an osteopathic physician. The bill also reduces administrative and regulatory burdens on PA practice by moving practice agreements from an agency-level approval process to employment level process. Employers are required to keep agreements on file. The bill requires the commission to collect and file the agreements. Changes nomenclature from "delegation" to "practice" agreement and from "supervising physician" to "participating physician" agreement.

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 Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504-7866, phone 360-236-2727, TTY 711, email amelia.boyd@wmc.wa.gov, website wmc.wa.gov.

Additional comments: To join the interested parties email list, please visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADOH_153.

November 19, 2020
Melanie de Leon
Executive Director

WSR 20-24-036**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

[Filed November 20, 2020, 2:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-533-0327 Maternity support services—Professional staff qualifications and interdisciplinary team; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.205.020, 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The agency is amending this rule to replace "Chemical Dependency Professional" with "Substance Use Disorder Professional." This change aligns with RCW 18.205.020. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Department of health.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Williams (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, phone 360-725-1346, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email michael.williams@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Heather Weiher (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45530, phone 360-725-1293, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email heather.weiher@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

November 20, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-042**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(Board of Naturopathy)

[Filed November 23, 2020, 10:59 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-836-210 Authority to use, prescribe, dispense and order, the board of naturopathy (board) is considering rule making regarding the practice of nonsurgical cosmetic procedures in naturopathic practice, including education and training. The board is considering revising WAC 246-836-210 and creating a new section(s) of rule.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.36A.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board is considering rules to determine which nonsurgical cosmetic procedures are appropriate for naturopathic physicians to perform, as

well as establish corresponding education and training requirements. The board may also consider potential practice restrictions or requirements, such as specific patient follow-up requirements.

A previous CR-101 on this topic filed as WSR 13-22-059 is being withdrawn and this CR-101 will supersede it.

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 Susan Gragg, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4941, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email naturopathic@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov/naturopathy, <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>.

Additional comments: The board will use the existing GovDelivery list to inform stakeholders of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. Interested parties can join the GovDelivery list to get information on participating in the process by subscribing at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>.

November 23, 2020
Renee Fullerton
Executive Director

WSR 20-24-079
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed November 25, 2020, 9:35 a.m.]

This memo serves as notice that the department of health, board of naturopathy (board) is requesting to withdraw WSR 13-22-059. The CR-101, titled "Chapter 246-836 WAC, Naturopathic physicians, to consider rule making regarding the practice of nonsurgical cosmetic procedures" was filed November 4, 2013.

Since the filing of the CR-101 there have been significant delays in this rule-making project, many of which were outside the control of the board. The CR-101 on this topic was filed on November 4, 2013 (WSR 13-22-059), a CR-102 was filed on July 2, 2018 (WSR 18-14-087), and the rule adoption hearing was held on September 7, 2018. Due to significant public comment and public testimony, the CR-102 expired before the board was able to come to a decision on formal adoption.

After discussing the various obstacles to moving forward, the board has determined to start over with rule making on this topic. In doing so, the board is withdrawing this CR-101 and will file a new CR-101.

Individuals requiring information on this rule should contact Susan Gragg, board of naturopathy program manager, at 360-236-4941.

Tami M. Thompson
Regulatory Affairs Manager

WSR 20-24-086

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed November 25, 2020, 12:04 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-543-2200 Proof of delivery; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (HCA) is revising this section to eliminate the requirement for date and signature from the medicaid client or the client's designee upon delivery of medical equipment and supplies in order to avoid contact between the client and delivery person. HCA currently has emergency rules, filed under WSR 20-23-038, striking this requirement.

However, as the current public health emergency surrounding the outbreak of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) continues, HCA is beginning the permanent rule-making process to strike this requirement for a date and signature. Once the public health emergency ends, the agency will conduct rule making to add this requirement back into the rule. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Valerie Freudenstein, Rulemaking Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service 711, email valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Erin Mayo, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45506, Olympia, WA 98504-5506, phone 360-725-1729, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email erin.mayo@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

November 25, 2020
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-087**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

[Filed November 25, 2020, 1:16 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) waived rules requiring in-person assessments. In addition, that change clarified instances in which the in-person interviews are not required. Therefore, the department is planning to amend WAC 388-106-0050 What is an assessment?, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.09.520.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department wants to continue providing personal care services to vulnerable people during the pandemic. To do that, federal medicaid law requires an assessment of a person's functional eligibility. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, in-person assessments increase the risk of transmission, and the beneficiaries are often in high risk groups. Amendment of this rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health and safety, because without it the department may not be able to safely assess vulnerable adults so that they can receive needed medicaid services. Without the amendment it may be difficult for the department to comply with medicaid regulations and receive federal financial participation. Existing federal law allows for the assessment to be performed remotely if the person agrees. This requirement that the beneficiary agrees to a remote assessment has been temporarily waived by CMS. The amendment aligns the state rule with federal requirements. The department filed an emergency CR-103E Rule-making order as WSR 20-23-043 on November 12, 2020.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in developing these rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Angel Sullivan, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2495, fax 360-438-8633, TTY 1-800-833-8633, email angel.sullivan@dshs.wa.gov.

November 25, 2020
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-092**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)

[Filed November 25, 2020, 3:02 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is considering amending WAC 388-101-3130 Certification evaluation, and other related rules as may be required to identify the period of time that portions of the rule were held in suspension during the declared emergency of COVID-19.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 71A.12.030, 71A.12.080.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making is necessary to establish a timeframe for certification evaluations, as Governor Inslee's Proclamation 20-18 and subsequent extensions have identified that the pandemic has resulted in disruptions to long-term care systems, including the ability to safely conduct inspections. The consideration of the amendment will include the amount of time to complete certification evaluations that are currently suspended for consistency and safety across all programs regulated by the department.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The department will use a collaborative rule-making process and notify stakeholders of the opportunity to participate in development, review, and comment on the amended draft rule prior to proposing the amendment for adoption.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Antonietta Lettieri-Parkin, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 509-363-3549, fax 360-725-3224, email Antonietta.lettieri-parkin@dshs.wa.gov.

November 25, 2020
Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-095**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

(Veterinary Board of Governors)

[Filed November 30, 2020, 8:21 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-933-401 through 246-933-460, 246-935-270 through 246-935-310, and 246-933-285, 246-935-130, and 246-937-080, veterinary board of governors (board), suicide prevention training and HIV/AIDS training. The board is considering amending its continuing education requirements and adding new sections to chapters 246-933 and 246-935 WAC to implement a one-time suicide prevention training for veterinarians and veterinary technicians as required by ESHB 2411. The board is also considering the repeal of WAC 246-933-285, 246-935-130, and 246-937-080 in accordance with ESHB 1551, which

removed the requirement of HIV/AIDS training for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary medication clerks.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.92.030; ESHB 2411 (chapter 229, Laws of 2020); ESHB 1551 (chapter 76, Laws of 2020).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: ESHB 2411 directs the board to consult with the University of Washington's Forefront Suicide Prevention Center of Excellence and affected professional associations to develop a one-time, three-hour suicide prevention training program for veterinarians and veterinary technicians. This training will be required as part of the continuing education requirements beginning July 1, 2022. This training will help veterinary professionals focus on veterinary mental health and well-being, understand general content on suicide risk, prevention, and resourcing, and specific content on imminent harm by lethal means.

ESHB 1551 repeals the requirement in RCW 70.24.270 for HIV/AIDS training requirements for veterinarians, veterinary technicians, and veterinary medication clerks and other health professionals. Repealing the relevant requirements in rule will align the rule with the statute.

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 Lorelei Walker, P.O. Box 47852 Olympia, WA 98504-7853, phone 360-236-4947, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email lorelei.walker@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: To subscribe to receive notices regarding this rule making go to www.doh.wa.gov. Please click on the green "Subscribe" button at the bottom right of the page. Once you register, select (+) "Health Systems Quality Assurance (HSQA)," (+) "Health Professions," then select "Veterinary Board."

November 30, 2020
Brad Burnham
Executive Director
Office of Health Professions

WSR 20-24-097

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed November 30, 2020, 11:04 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: This rule making relates to recommendations from the professional growth workgroup.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The professional growth

workgroup is a group of stakeholders reviewing and making recommendations on professional learning growth options across the career continuum. Rule making resulting from this workgroup would relate to increased coherence, clarity, and alignment with standards.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Maren Johnson, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-867-8424, email maren.johnson@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

November 30, 2020
Maren Johnson
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-104

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed December 1, 2020, 7:49 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Changes under consideration to WAC 296-46B-995 Electrical board—Appeal rights and hearings.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 19.28 RCW, Electricians and electrical installations, including RCW 19.28.031 and 19.28.251.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to consider amendments to the electrical rules governing appeals and the appeal process under WAC 296-46B-995. The state's electrical board petitioned the department of labor and industries (L&I) to amend the rules for the purpose of clarifying, simplifying, and making the procedures for appeals to the board easier to understand and navigate. This rule making considers the proposed amendments to bring the rules up-to-date and help to eliminate confusion for persons that appeal decisions to the board.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rules and formulation of the proposed rules before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate, after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process. All rule changes will be reviewed by the state's electrical board.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Alicia Curry, L&I, Field Services and Public Safety Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-902-6244, fax 360-902-5292, email

Alicia.Curry@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies>.

December 1, 2020
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 20-24-106
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OLYMPIC COLLEGE

[Filed December 1, 2020, 8:41 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Olympic College student conduct code, chapter 132C-120 WAC; and repeal of Olympic College grievance procedure, chapter 132C-285 WAC.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: On May 19, 2020, the Federal Register printed amendments to Title IX regulations (85 F.R. 30575). The new regulations address the grievance process for formal complaints of sexual harassment and require the college to revise its student conduct code. The student conduct code will also be updated consistent with best practices. The grievance procedure will be repealed from WAC as procedures can be implemented and approved as a matter of college policy.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Adam Morris, 1600 Chester Avenue, Bremerton, WA 98337, phone 360-475-7102, email amorris@olympic.edu, website www.olympic.edu.

November 30, 2020
Martin Cavalluzzi
President

WSR 20-24-110
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

[Filed December 1, 2020, 10:25 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending chapter 495A-108 WAC, Practices and procedures.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140; chapter 34.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Content in this current WAC is being updated and aligned with college policies and procedures.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not apply [applicable].

Process for Developing New Rule: This is an existing WAC and is being amended and updated.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dr. Jean Hernandez, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Room 332, Tacoma, WA 98405, email jehernandez@batestech.edu, website <https://batestech.edu>.

Additional comments: Due to COVID-19 and social distancing, please contact via email jehernandez@batestech.edu.

December 1, 2020
Dr. Jean Hernandez
Special Assistant
to the President

WSR 20-24-111
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
BATES TECHNICAL COLLEGE

[Filed December 1, 2020, 10:27 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Repealing chapter 495A-310 WAC, Grievance procedures—Handicapped.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 34.05 RCW; and RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Content in this current WAC is operational information and not needed as a Washington Administrative Code.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not apply [applicable].

Process for Developing New Rule: This is an existing WAC and is being repealed.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dr. Jean Hernandez, 1101 South Yakima Avenue, Room 332, Tacoma, WA 98405, email jehernandez@batestech.edu, website <https://batestech.edu>.

Additional comments: Do [Due] to COVID-19 and social distancing, please contact via email jehernandez@batestech.edu.

December 1, 2020
Dr. Jean Hernandez
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to the President

WSR 20-24-127
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed December 2, 2020, 10:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Plan choice irrevocability.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule-making action will

clarify when a member's choice for Plan 2 or Plan 3 becomes irrevocable.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jilene Siegel, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email Rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules/.

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WSR 20-24-128
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed December 2, 2020, 10:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Retiree employment in an ineligible position.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Eligibility for retirement requires a thirty day separation from covered employment. This amendment will clarify whether the thirty day separation requirement is met if the member has been employed in a position that is ineligible for membership in a retirement plan.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jilene Siegel, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email Rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules/.

December 2, 2020
Jilene Siegel
Rules Coordinator

WSR 20-24-129
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed December 2, 2020, 10:03 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Law enforcement officers' and firefighters' Plan 2 catastrophic benefit adjustments.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This amendment will clarify that adjustments to offset workers' compensation and Social Security disability benefits will be prospective.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jilene Siegel, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email Rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules/.