

WSR 21-17-119
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Dental Quality Assurance Commission)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-817-195 Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDAs). The dental quality assurance commission (commission) is considering rule amendments to remove the current requirement for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDA) to place and finish amalgam restoration on clinical patients as part of their education in order to be licensed.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.32.002, 18.260.050, and 18.260.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Current commission approved EFDA education program curriculum under WAC 246-817-195 (4)(a)(ii) must include placing and finishing amalgam restoration on clinical patients. The commission discussed the difficulty for EFDA students to locate dentists whom routinely place amalgam to meet this requirement. Composite restorations are more common in dentistry although amalgam is still used in dentistry.

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 Jennifer D. Santiago, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4893, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email Jennifer.santiago@doh.wa.gov, website doh.wa.gov/dental, dental@doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties may sign up for the program's interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. All rule-making notices will be emailed via GovDelivery. Rule development will take place in open public meetings prior to a formal rule proposal and comment period.

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