

WSR 23-02-009
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Denturists)
[Filed December 22, 2022, 9:46 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-812 WAC, Board of denturists (board), is considering adopting the health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with RCW 43.70.613. The board will also consider whether additional CE hours and course topics should be included.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.30.065, 43.70.040, 43.70.613, 18.130.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: By January 1, 2024, RCW 43.70.613(1) requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a CE requirement to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years.

RCW 43.70.613 (3) (b) also directed the department to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department adopted model rules in November 2022. Any rules developed by the board must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules found at WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The goal of health equity CE training is to equip health care workers with the skills to recognize and reduce health inequities in their daily work. The content of the health equity trainings include instruction on skills to address structural factors, such as bias, racism, and poverty, which manifest as health inequities.

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 Vicki Brown, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4865, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email vicki.brown@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The board will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The board 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 www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Board of Denturists." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to received information related to that specific profession.

December 21, 2022
Trina Crawford
Executive Director

**WSR 23-02-015
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PARKS AND RECREATION
COMMISSION**

[Filed December 22, 2022, 3:34 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: State parks staff will review WAC 352-32-030 and 352-12-030.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 79A.05 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: WAC 352-32-030 proposal will eliminate the extended off-season length of stay. Some parks are experiencing more people coming into the parks during the "off season," staying longer, in some cases, creating additional work for staff in the form of multiple contacts for payment, and other issues. WAC 352-12-030 annual moorage permits are used differently at saltwater moorage locations, and staff will clarify language for using moorage permits at freshwater lake parks.

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 Emily Weathers, Operations Division, 1111 Israel Road S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-2650, phone 360-902-8848, TTY 800-833-6388, email Emily.Weathersr@parks.wa.gov [Emily.Weathersr@parks.wa.gov], website www.parks.wa.gov.

December 22, 2022
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WSR 23-02-019
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-803 WAC, Acupuncture and Eastern medicine practitioner. The department of health (department) is considering adopting the health equity continuing education (CE) model rules, WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830, to comply with RCW 43.70.613. The department will also consider whether additional CE hours and course topics should be included.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.06.160, 43.70.040; SB 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021), codified as RCW 43.70.613 and 18.130.040.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: By January 1, 2024, RCW 43.70.613(1) requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a CE requirement to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years.

RCW 43.70.613 (3) (b) also directed the department to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE programs. The department adopted model rules in November 2022. Any rules developed by the department must meet or exceed the minimum standards in the model rules found at WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The goal of health equity CE training is to equip health care workers with the skills to recognize and reduce health inequities in their daily work. The content of the health equity trainings includes instruction on skills to address structural factors, such as bias, racism, and poverty, which manifest as health inequities.

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 Vicki Brown, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4865, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email vicki.brown@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The department 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 www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Acupuncture and Eastern Medicine Practitioners." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to received information related to that specific profession.

December 23, 2022
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WSR 23-02-037

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission)

[Filed December 29, 2022, 9:50 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-840-010, 246-840-700, and 246-840-910 through 246-840-970. The nursing care quality assurance commission (commission) is considering amendments to blood glucose testing and monitoring rules in response to SHB 1124 (chapter 14, Laws of 2022).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: SHB 1124 (chapter 14, Laws of 2022) codified in RCW 18.79.260, 18.79.010, and 18.79.110.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SHB 1124, Glucose testing and monitoring, makes two changes that require rule making by the commission. The bill expands the allowance for the registered nurse (RN) to delegate glucose monitoring and testing beyond community-based and home settings to all settings where the nursing assistant-registered, nursing assistant-certified, and home care aids work, and it removes from statute the timelines for RN supervision and evaluation of the delegated task of administering insulin and directs the commission to determine the interval in rule. Rules on blood glucose monitoring and nurse delegation may be needed to comply with SHB 1124 and the rule-making process will provide the opportunity for interested party engagement, rule clarification, and possible amendments to address SHB 1124.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jessilyn Dagum, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone 360-236-3538, fax 360-236-4738, TTY 711, email NCQAC.RULES@doh.wa.gov, website www.nursing.wa.gov.

Additional comments: The commission will notify interested parties of rule making by posting information on the department of health website, the commission website, and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive commission rule-making notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new> and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page and then select "Nursing Commission." The commission will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation.

December 29, 2022
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Executive Director

WSR 23-02-040
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Occupational Therapy Practice Board)
[Filed December 29, 2022, 10:16 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The occupational therapy practice board (board) is considering amendments to WAC 246-847-065 Continuing competency, to implement ESSB 5229 creating a health equity continuing education requirement.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.59.130, 43.70.613.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board is considering adopting rules to meet the mandate in the recently passed ESSB 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021), codified as RCW 43.70.613, which requires adoption of continuing education in health equity for health care professionals by January 1, 2024.

By January 1, 2024, RCW 43.70.613(1) requires each health profession credentialed under RCW 18.130.040 with a continuing education (CE) requirement to adopt rules requiring completion of health equity CE training at least once every four years. RCW 43.70.613 (3)(b) also directed the department of health to create model rules establishing minimum standards for health equity CE. The board can either adopt the model rules or establish their own based on the minimum standards determined by WAC 246-12-800 through 246-12-830.

The goal of health equity CE training is to address structural factors, such as bias, racism, and poverty, which manifest as health inequities.

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 Kathy Weed, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4883, fax 360-236-2910, TTY 711, email kathy.weed@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: Rule development takes place in open public meetings prior to a formal rule proposal and comment period. All rule-making notices are sent via GovDelivery. To receive notices, interested persons may sign up by going to <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. After signing up, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions," then check the box next to "Occupational Therapy."

December 27, 2022
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