

WSR 23-03-119

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Board of Nursing Home Administrators)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-843 WAC, Nursing home administrators, rules. The board of nursing home administrators (board) is considering amending licensure, licensure renewal, health equity continuing education, and temporary practice permit rules. Specific rules include WAC 246-843-071 Application, 246-843-090 Administrator-in-training program, 246-843-130 Continuing education requirements, and 246-843-231 Temporary practice permits.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.52.061 and 43.70.613; and ESSB 5229 (chapter 276, Laws of 2021).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The board is considering clarifications to education requirements for initial licensure, and clarifications to the administrator-in-training program as a path to licensure. Health equity continuing education must be considered and implemented by January 2024 according to RCW 43.70.613. Temporary practice permits are being examined and possibly expanded in response to changing regulations from the department of social and health services (DSHS).

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DSHS. The department of health and the board are working directly with staff at DSHS. Notices of all rule-making workshops and board meetings will be sent to the relevant DSHS staff.

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 Kendra Pitzler, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-236-4723, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email kendra.pitzler@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

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Carl Christensen, Chair
Board of Nursing Home Administrators