

WSR 23-22-092
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Prescription monitoring program (PMP), clarifying terms and information about prescription history for PMP. The department of health (department) is considering clarifying that prescribers can request the history of prescriptions they have written. The department is considering changes to WAC 246-470-010, 246-470-030, and 246-470-050 and potentially other related sections in chapter 246-470 WAC to help clarify rules including terms and definitions relating to PMP.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 70.225.025; and chapter 70.225 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering clarifying terms and definitions used in the PMP rules after receiving several questions from various interested parties around definitions of "sold," "dispense," "filled," and "distributed" during a state auditor's office audit of the PMP as well as in various other routine operational situations. The department will consider those questions and concerns during the rule-making process. The department is also considering clarifying that prescribers can request the history of prescriptions they have written. Clarifying and defining some phrases found in rule is necessary to cut down on confusion about what the rules mean for dispensers and prescribers.

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 Kang, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-688-6644, TTY 711, email jennifer.kang@doh.wa.gov, website <https://doh.wa.gov/public-health-healthcare-providers/healthcare-professions-and-facilities/prescription-monitoring-program-pmp>.

Additional comments: Rule-making notices will be delivered via GovDelivery. You may subscribe to the Washington state PMP GovDelivery listserv to receive updates at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. Select "Health Systems Quality Assurance" and "Health Professions," and then select "Prescription Monitoring Program" and any other lists you wish to subscribe to.

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