

WSR 11-23-017
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
 (Medicaid Program)

[Filed November 7, 2011, 2:50 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-548-1400 Federally qualified health centers—Reimbursement and limitations and 182-549-1400 Rural health clinics—Reimbursement and limitations.

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Upon approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) of the agency's state plan amendment, the agency will implement a new alternative payment methodology for federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) and rural health clinics (RHCs) for services.

Process for Developing New Rule: The health care authority (HCA) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, HCA 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 Wendy L. Boedigheimer, Rules Program Manager, P.O. Box 45504, Olympia, WA 98504-5504, fax (360) 586-9727, TTY (800) 848-5429, e-mail wendy.boedigheimer@hca.wa.gov.

November 7, 2011
 Kevin M. Sullivan
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-062
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
 (Division of Consumer Services)

[Filed November 14, 2011, 1:43 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending the rules (chapter 208-620 WAC) under the Consumer Loan Act (chapter 31.04 RCW).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.320.040, 31.04.165.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The rules must be amended to protect consumers from financial harm, to aid the regulated industries by having consistent rules within the mortgage marketplace, and to make technical changes for clarity and consistency.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau implements a number of federal laws that industry must comply with. As Washington law allows and when federal regulations provide

adequate consumer protection, the department of financial institutions (DFI) insures that state regulations are consistent with the federal regulations. This gives industry a consistent and equitable regulatory environment in which to operate.

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 Elizabeth Hampton, Division of Consumer Services, P.O. Box 41200, Olympia, WA 98504-1200, (360) 902-8786, elizabeth.hampton@dfi.wa.gov, web site www.dfi.wa.gov, industry listserv e-mail subscription.

November 14, 2011
 Deborah Bortner, Director
 Division of Consumer Services

WSR 11-23-063
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

[Filed November 14, 2011, 1:48 p.m.]

Eastern Washington University would like to withdraw preproposal statement of inquiry WSR 11-21-090, filed on October 18, 2011, chapter 172-136 WAC.

Laurie Connelly
 Associate to the President
 Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-064
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
 (Division of Consumer Services)

[Filed November 14, 2011, 1:58 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amending the rules (chapter 208-660 WAC) under the Mortgage Broker Practices Act (chapter 19.146 RCW).

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 43.320 RCW, RCW 19.146.223.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The rules must be amended to protect consumers from financial harm, to aid the regulated industries by having consistent rules within the mortgage marketplace, and to make technical changes for clarity and consistency.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau implements a number of federal laws that industry must comply with. As Washington law allows and when federal regulations provide adequate consumer protection, the department of financial institutions (DFI) insures that state regulations are consistent with the federal regulations. This gives industry a consistent and equitable regulatory environment in which to operate.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

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November 14, 2011
Deborah Bortner, Director
Division of Consumer Services

WSR 11-23-066

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY EASTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

[Filed November 14, 2011, 2:21 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Repealing chapter 172-136 WAC, University facilities.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.35.120(12).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These rules are obsolete. The provisions of these rules have been or are being superseded by other university rules and policies.

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

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 Trent Lutey, University Policy Administrator, Office of the President, Eastern Washington University, 214 Showalter Hall, Cheney, WA 99004, phone (509) 359-6322, fax (509) 359-7036, and e-mail tlutey@ewu.edu. A public hearing will be held to permit comment on all proposed rules and revisions.

November 14, 2011
Trent Lutey
University Policy Administrator

WSR 11-23-088

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

(Medicaid Program)

[Filed November 17, 2011, 11:14 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-543-5500 Covered—Medical supplies and related services, 182-543-9100 Reimbursement method—Other DME, 182-543-9200 Reimbursement method—Wheelchairs, 182-543-9300 Reimbursement method—Prosthetics and orthotics, 182-543-9400 Reimbursement method—Medical supplies and related services, and possible other related WAC sections.

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: During the reorganization of chapter 182-543 WAC filed under WSR 11-14-052, long-standing policy language regarding "base year" in the reimbursement sections was unintentionally deleted. This rule-making action reinstates the language that was deleted. This rule revision also clarifies in WAC 182-543-5500, that prior authorization is required for the purchase of replacement batteries for wheelchairs.

Process for Developing New Rule: The health care authority (HCA) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, HCA will file a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) with the office of the code reviser. 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 Wendy L. Boedigheimer, Rules Program Manager, P.O. Box 45504, Olympia, WA 98504-5504, fax (360) 586-9727, TTY 1-800-848-5429, e-mail wendy.boedigheimer@hca.wa.gov.

November 17, 2011
Kevin M. Sullivan
Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-089

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

(Medicaid Program)

[Filed November 17, 2011, 11:21 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-502-0005 Core provider agreement.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, section 6401 (b)(7) of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Section 1902 (kk)(7) of the Social Security Act, 42 C.F.R. 455.410.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Revisions to this rule are necessary in order to:

(1) Implement 42 C.F.R. 455.410 which mandates states to require all ordering, prescribing, or referring providers to be enrolled as participating providers under the billing providers' core provider agreement in order to receive payment.

(2) Clarify language regarding the core provider agreement effective date, when a provider may ask for an effective date earlier than the agency's approval of the provider application, and how far back the agency's chief medical officer may authorize an effective date under the exceptions. This clarification is necessary to allow medicaid provider entities that are subject to survey and certification by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services or the state survey agency, a reasonable amount of time to submit their medicare certification letters to the agency.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: The health care authority (HCA) welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, HCA will file a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) with the office of the code reviser. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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November 17, 2011

Kevin M. Sullivan
Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-095

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

[Filed November 17, 2011, 2:37 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 392-121-570 and 392-121-578.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28A.150.290(1).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rule revisions are needed to implement legislative changes that add middle school career and technical programs to the vocational indirect cost limit.

This amendment will apply the same rules that are used for the secondary career and technical programs indirect cost limit to the middle school programs.

Also the amount allowed to be carried over to the ensuing year will be limited to no more than the vocational enhancement allocation less the recovery.

Process for Developing New Rule: Solicitation of public comments and recommendations respecting new, amended or repealed rules, and considerations of the comments and recommendations in the course of drafting rules.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Steve Shish, (360) 725-6307.

November 15, 2011

Randy Dorn
State Superintendent

WSR 11-23-103

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE

[Filed November 18, 2011, 11:25 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amend chapter 132Q-07 WAC, General campus conduct.

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: To amend and clarify the parameters for a no trespass notice. Other policy changes that arise during this rule making may be incorporated. Other WAC sections may need to be updated as a result of this rule making.

Process for Developing New Rule: Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) welcomes students, employees, and the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, CCS will file with the office of the code reviser a notice of proposed rule making with the formal text. A copy of the proposal will be posted on the CCS internet site www.ccs.spokane.edu/about-ccs/rulemaking.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kathleen Roberson, Executive Assistant to the CFO, Mailstop 1006, P.O. Box 6000, Spokane, WA 99217-6000, e-mail kroberson@ccs.spokane.edu.

November 18, 2011

Kathleen Roberson
Executive Assistant
to the CFO

WSR 11-23-104

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY COMMUNITY COLLEGES OF SPOKANE

[Filed November 18, 2011, 11:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amend chapter 132Q-02 WAC, Student records.

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: To amend and clarify the definition of student directory information. Other policy changes that arise during this rule making may be incorporated. Other WAC sections may need to be updated as a result of this rule making.

Process for Developing New Rule: Community Colleges of Spokane (CCS) welcomes students, employees, and the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, CCS will file with the office of the code reviser a notice of proposed rule making with the formal text. A copy of the proposal will be posted on the CCS internet site www.ccs.spokane.edu/about-ccs/rulemaking.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Kathleen Roberson, Executive Assistant to the CFO, Mailstop 1006, P.O. Box 6000, Spokane, WA 99217-6000, e-mail kroberson@ccs.spokane.edu.

November 18, 2011
Kathleen Roberson
Executive Assistant
to the CFO

WSR 11-23-108

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed November 18, 2011, 3:38 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 246-836 WAC amending sections to change the regulatory authority to the board of naturopathy, update the scope of practice, and amend requirements for approving naturopathic medical education institutions.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 18.36A RCW as amended by HB 1181 (chapter 41, Laws of 2011) and SSB 5152 (chapter 40, Laws of 2011); RCW 18.36A.060 and 18.36A.100.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: HB 1181 (2011) created the board of naturopathy (board) and SSB 5152 (2011) modified portions of naturopathic scope of practice. Rules need to be amended to reflect this change. In addition, RCW 18.36A.100 directs the board to establish educational program standards in rule, which include on-site evaluations. The board is proposing amendments to existing rules to update education program standards and also accept accreditation from national organizations as meeting the approval standards. This will allow on-site evaluations by national organizations, thereby eliminating duplication and inefficiencies.

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. Interested persons can participate in the rule process through meetings and by submitting written comments, and are encouraged to join the listserv, which can be accessed at <http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=NATUROPATH-PROGRAM>.

Please address questions and/or comments to Susan Gragg, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone (360) 236-4941, fax (360) 236-2901, e-mail susan.gragg@doh.wa.gov.

November 18, 2011
Susan Teil Boyer
Executive Director

WSR 11-23-142

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed November 22, 2011, 9:06 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-14 WAC, Industrial insurance; chapter 296-15 WAC, Workers' compensation self-insurance rules and regulations; chapter 296-20 WAC, Medical aid rules; chapter 296-21 WAC, Reimbursement policies: Psychiatric services, biofeedback, physical medicine; chapter 296-23 WAC, Radiology, radiation therapy, nuclear medicine, pathology, hospital, chiropractic, physical therapy, drugless therapeutics and nursing—Drugless therapeutics, etc.; chapter 296-23A WAC, Hospitals; and chapter 296-23B WAC, Ambulatory surgery center payment.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: SSB 5801 (chapter 6, Laws of 2011), amending RCW 51.36.010, 51.04.020, and 51.04.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SSB 5801 directs the department of labor and industries (L&I) to establish a medical provider network to treat injured workers of employers insured with L&I and of self-insured employers. SSB 5801 also expands Centers for Occupational Health and Education (COHE). Rules are necessary to implement the changes. The department will create and/or amend necessary rules in phases to ensure timely completion of all required provisions. The first set of rules included minimum standards for credentialing of medical providers and other requirements for network participation and to define "risk of harm."

This rule-making phase will adopt or amend rules that are needed to effectively launch and maintain the network and improve quality of medical care provided to injured workers. These amended or new rules may include but are not limited to:

(1) Establishing rules for when an injured worker of the state fund and self-insured employers can have access to a nonnetwork provider for an initial visit; COHE indicators or other standards necessary to implement COHE expansion; standards to expand evidence-based best practices for the medical provider network or a second tier of providers within the network; further detailing credentialing processes or provider network maintenance actions; any standards necessary to coordinate utilization review with self-insured employers; and

(2) Amending, clarifying or deleting department rules that conflict with SSB 5801, or with the department's implementation of SSB 5801.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: This law directs the agency to establish a health care provider network for Washington workers' compensation governed by Title 51 RCW, Washington's Industrial Insurance Act. No other state or federal agencies are responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of this act.

Process for Developing New Rule: The rule will be developed in consultation with the advisory group established in SSB 5801, including:

- Members or designees of the workers' compensation advisory committee, the industrial insurance medical advisory committee, and the industrial insurance chiropractic advisory committee.
- The public may keep informed by attending advisory committee meetings and/or by looking at the L&I web site www.ProviderNetwork.lni.wa.gov. Individuals can also participate by providing written comments during the CR-102 comment period or giving oral testimony at public hearings.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jami Lifka, Department of Labor and Industries, Office of the Medical Director, P.O. Box 44321, Olympia, WA 98504-4321, phone (360) 902-4941, or fax (360) 902-6315, or e-mail jami.lifka@lni.wa.gov.

November 22, 2011

Judy Schurke

Director

WSR 11-23-151

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

[Filed November 22, 2011, 9:40 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The community services division is proposing to amend:

- WAC 388-478-0055 How much do I get from my state supplemental payment (SSP)?
- And possible other related WACs.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department may propose to modify WAC 388-478-0055, and possible other related SSP rules, in order to stay within available funds. The department is required by federal law, C.F.R. 20 §416-2095 through §416.2099, to maintain the total amount of SSI state supplement benefits spending at the same level each calendar year, without an increase or decrease in total spending.

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

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study. DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the 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 Olga Walker, Program Manager, Community Services Division, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA

98504-5470, phone (360) 725-4641, fax (360) 725-4904, e-mail olga.walker@dshs.wa.gov.

November 21, 2011

Katherine I. Vasquez

Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-152

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Disability Services Administration)

[Filed November 22, 2011, 9:42 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is adding a new section in chapter 388-106 WAC, Long-term care services.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.520.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is adding a new section in chapter 388-106 WAC to establish a methodology for how DSHS calculates nursing home comparable home and community based long-term care availability to be used in the nursing home bed need process in Washington state. DSHS is creating this new section for clarification about how it calculates comparable nursing home capacity.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the 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) 407-7582, TTY (360) 493-2637, e-mail angel.sullivan@dshs.wa.gov.

November 21, 2011

Katherine I. Vasquez

Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-165

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY OLYMPIC COLLEGE

[Filed November 22, 2011, 1:48 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Nondiscrimination policy.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28B50 [28B.50] RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Antidiscrimination policies are required for all colleges under the state board for commu-

nity and technical colleges. This is an update of the existing policy to add genetic information.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: This policy will update the policy to show adherence to the Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act of 2008.

Process for Developing New Rule: Review by president's cabinet and the board of trustees.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Thomas Oliver, Olympic College, rules coordinator, (360) 475-7502 or toliver@olympic.edu, to provide comments on this rule.

November 22, 2011
Thomas Oliver
Rules Coordinator

The public is invited and encouraged to participate, as described below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication. DRS encourages your active participation in the rule-making process. After the rule(s) is drafted, DRS will file a copy with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. The notice will include the time and date of a public rules hearing. DRS will send a copy of the notice and the proposed rule(s) to everyone currently on the mailing list and anyone else who requests a copy. To request a copy or for more information on how to participate, please contact Ken Goolsby, Rules and Contracts Coordinator, DRS, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, voice (360) 664-7291, TTY (360) 586-5450, fax (360) 753-5397, e-mail Rules@drs.wa.gov.

November 23, 2011
Ken Goolsby
Rules and Contracts Coordinator

WSR 11-23-178
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)

[Filed November 23, 2011, 9:59 a.m.]

The economic services administration requests the withdrawal of the following preproposal statements of inquiry filed as WSR 08-17-114 filed on August 20, 2008; WSR 10-16-146 filed on August 4, 2010; WSR 10-19-136 filed on September 22, 2010; WSR 10-20-161 filed on October 6, 2010; WSR 10-18-105 filed on September 1, 2010; and WSR 11-09-087 filed on April 20, 2011.

Katherine I. Vasquez
Rules Coordinator

WSR 11-23-183
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed November 23, 2011, 11:21 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 41.50 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The Washington state legislature, during the 2011 legislative session, enacted legislation that requires the department of retirement systems (DRS) to collect employer contributions from each state institution of higher education and deposit those contributions into a newly established higher education retirement plan supplemental benefit fund. Newly created and amended rules will ensure compliance with ESHB 1981, chapter 47, Laws of 2011.

Process for Developing New Rule: DRS will create rule(s) with the assistance of the attorney general's office.