

**WSR 21-15-110**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 246-811-010, 246-811-030, 246-811-035, 246-811-990, and creating new section(s) in chapter 246-811 WAC, Substance use disorder professionals and substance use disorder professionals trainees. The department of health (department) is considering updating these sections and possibly adding new sections to implement EHB 1311 and develop apprenticeship as a pathway to meeting educational requirements for substance use disorder professional (SUDP) certification.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: EHB 1311 (chapter 165, Laws of 2021); and RCW 18.205.060.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is considering amending WAC 246-811-010, 246-811-030, 246-811-035, and 246-811-990; and creating new rule section(s) to implement recent legislation. EHB 1311 is intended to enable more people to become SUDPs by allowing creation of SUDP apprenticeships, a noncollege pathway to obtaining an SUDP credential. Amending listed sections and possibly adding additional sections to chapter 246-811 WAC will align department rules with statutory changes. Rule making to create a framework and educational standards for SUDP apprenticeships will provide clarity for licensees, apprenticeship programs, and the public. Additionally, it will allow the department to consistently uphold standards that protect patient safety.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington state department of labor and industries is responsible for registering and approving apprenticeship programs after they are approved by the secretary of health.

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 Ashley Bell, P.O. Box 47825, Olympia, WA 98504-7825, phone 360-236-2961, TTY 711, email ashley.bell@doh.wa.gov; or Ted Dale, P.O. Box 47825, Olympia, WA 98504-7825, phone 360-236-2991, email ted.dale@doh.wa.gov.

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