

## WSR 24-13-061

## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

(Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Permanent facility closure reporting requirements. The pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-480 and creating new sections in chapter 246-945 WAC to improve notifications and prescription transfer directions provided to patients when the facility closes permanently. This action is in response to a rule petition filed by an interested party and approved by the commission at its December 2023 business meeting.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.64.005.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commission received feedback from an interested party about challenges obtaining requested information about a pharmacy's closure permitted by WAC 246-945-480 (2)(b) and voted to address the concerns at the December 14, 2023, business meeting. The commission may consider adding a time frame to the reporting requirements to patients in the event of a permanent facility closure. This would help provide patients with time and information needed to transfer their care to the facility of their choice.

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 by contacting Julia Katz, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852, phone 360-791-1167, fax 360-236-2901, TTY 711, email PharmacyRules@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

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Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission