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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Collaborative drug therapy agreement (CDTA) submission requirement. The pharmacy quality assurance commission (commission) is considering amending WAC 246-945-350 to remove the requirement that licensees file a CDTA with the commission.

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: Rule making to remove the requirement that licensees file CDTAs with the commission may be needed for three reasons: Avoid redundancy, mitigate confusion, and reduce delays in care delivery. Requiring licensees to file CDTAs with the commission, per WAC 246-945-350(1), is redundant because the same rule also requires CDTAs to be stored at the practice locations. Confusion stems from licensees mistaking the requirement to file the CDTA with the commission as a requirement for commission approval. Commission staff have received communication from licensees delaying the utilization of a CDTA due to the misconception that they must wait for commission approval.

On May 28, 2026, the commission authorized rule making to consider removing the requirement that licensees file their CDTA with the commission. The commission intends to reduce redundancy and confusion, and streamline the utilization of valid CDTAs for applicable licensees.

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-Ukropina, P.O. Box 47850, Olympia, WA 98504-7850, phone 360-236-4946, fax 360-236-2260, TTY 711, email PharmacyRules@wa.doh.gov, website www.wa.doh.gov.

Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The commission will conduct at least one rules workshop. Rule-making notices will be delivered via the email communication list. To receive notices, visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new. After signing in, click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click again on "Pharmacy Commission Newsletter." You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions or facilities listed to receive information related to that specific topic.

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