

WSR 25-12-014
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Washington Medical Commission)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Allopathic physicians (MD) chapter rule review. The Washington medical commission (commission) is considering amending the following rules to modernize language, add clarity, and bring the rules more in line with current practice: WAC 246-919-010 through 246-919-520; and WAC 246-919-602 through 246-919-700.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW [18.71.015](#) and [18.130.050](#).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commission is considering updating rules to more closely align with current industry standards and provide clearer rule language for licensed MDs. In addition, RCW [43.70.041](#) requires the commission to review its administrative rules every five years to ensure that regulations are current and relevant. As part of this effort, the commission is also considering incorporating its interpretive statements into rule to provide greater clarity and consistency. Rule amendments being considered will potentially benefit the public's health by ensuring participating providers are informed and regulated by current national industry and best practice standards.

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 Amelia Boyd, Program Manager, P.O. Box 47866, Olympia, WA 98504-7866, phone 360-918-6336, TTY 711, email amelia.boyd@wmc.wa.gov, website <https://wmc.wa.gov>.

Additional comments: To join the interested parties email list, please visit https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADOH_153.

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