

Public Notification and Meeting Announcement  
For the Medical Quality Assurance Commission  
\*CR-101 for Proposed Clinical Support Program  
WAC 246-919-XXX Physicians  
WAC 246-918-XXX Physician Assistants

**Rulemaking**

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (commission) has officially filed a [CR-101](#) with the Office of the Code Reviser on February 22, 2018. The WSR# is 18-06-007.

The commission is considering creating two new rule sections, and revising related rule sections as appropriate, to establish a clinical support program (program), its criteria and procedures for allopathic physicians and physician assistants. The intent of the program is to assist practitioners with practice deficiencies related to consistent standards of practice and establish continuing competency mechanisms that will protect patients proactively through a plan of education, training and/or supervision. The commission may resolve practice deficiencies through the program at any point in a practitioner's period of licensure.

The program would allow for quick identification of issues requiring clinical support, through practitioner or employer inquiry, referral, and including complaints that may not rise to the level of a license sanction or revocation. These issues could be resolved with voluntary participation from the allopathic physician or physician assistant in the program. The commission is considering education, training, supervision, or a combination of the three as part of the program. Issues appropriate for clinical support would likely include but are not limited to practice deficiencies such as a failure to properly conduct a patient assessment or document treatment. This also allows an allopathic physician or physician assistant a structured process to quickly improve his or her clinical skills. Finally, participation in this program places the commission in an active patient safety role.

## **Proposed Clinical Support Program Workshop & Committee Meeting**

In response to the filing, the Commission will conduct an open public rules workshop and committee meeting on Wednesday, January 16, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m., at the:

Hotel RL Olympia  
Rainier Room  
2300 Evergreen Park Drive SW  
Olympia, WA 98502  
Phone: (360) 943-4000

This meeting will be open to the public.

The purpose of the rules workshop will be to:

- Explain the state's rulemaking process and timeline;
- Invite committee members and members of the public to discuss draft rule language; and
- Consider possible dates, times, and locations of proposed rules workshops to be scheduled in 2019.

Interested parties, stakeholders, and the general public are invited to participate in the rules workshops or provide comments on draft rules. For continued updates on rule development, interested parties are encouraged to join the [Commission's rules GovDelivery](#).

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Attachment: [CR-101](#)

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