

Regulating the use of CDTAs would place the WMC in an active patient safety role. Rulemaking would provide clarity around this issue to help avoid potential discipline and increase patient safety.

The new sections 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.

Workshops for this rulemaking are ongoing. Please visit our [Rules in Progress](#) page for the current schedule and draft language.

Upcoming Rulemakings

Regarding [SSB 5389](#) – define “qualified physician”

At their October 20, 2023, business meeting, the Commissioners approved initiating rulemaking related to [SSB 5389](#). The CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, for this rulemaking is in progress. Once the CR-101 is filed, workshops will be held. Please visit our [Rules in Progress](#) page for the current schedule.

Opioid Prescribing for Physician Assistants (PA) and Allopathic Physicians (MD)

At their July 19, 2024, business meeting, the Commissioners approved initiating rulemaking on the opioid prescribing WACs in both the MD chapter [246-919 WAC](#) and PA chapter [246-918 WAC](#). The CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, for this rulemaking is in progress. Once the CR-101 is filed, workshops will be held. Please visit our [Rules in Progress](#) page for the current schedule.

Chapter [246-919 WAC](#), Allopathic Physicians (MD)

At their January 10, 2025, business meeting, the Commissioners approved initiating rulemaking on several sections of allopathic physician (MD) rules, chapter [246-919 WAC](#). The sections that will be addressed in this rulemaking are [WAC 246-919-010](#) through [WAC 246-919-520](#) and [WAC 246-919-602](#) through [WAC 246-919-700](#). The CR-101, Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, is in progress. Once the CR-101 is filed, workshops will be held. Please visit our [Rules in Progress](#) page for the current schedule.

Recently Completed

[2SHB 1009 Military Spouse Temporary Practice Permits](#)

Second Substitute House Bill (2SHB) 1009 concerning military spouse employment was passed during the 2023 legislative session. The WMC has a section in both the physician's chapter, [WAC 246-919-397](#), and the physician

assistant's chapter, [WAC 246-918-076](#), which address how a military spouse can obtain a temporary practice permit. Both WACs are identical except for references to physician or physician assistant in their respective chapters. 2SHB 1009 provided additional information for issuing this temporary permit, a different definition of military spouse, and other items that are not included in the WMC's WACs. The WMC adopted rules that fulfill the requirements of 2SHB 1009 on October 11, 2024. The CR-103, Permanent Rules, was filed on December 3, 2024, as [WSR #24-24-098](#). The rules became effective on January 3, 2025.

Expedited Rulemakings (CR-105)

Physician Assistant Collaborative Practice

The CR-105 in response to [ESHB 2041](#) Concerning physician assistant collaborative practice was filed on July 16, 2024, as [WSR #24-15-055](#). The rules were adopted on November 14, 2024, and became effective on December 15, 2024. The revised rules can be found in the CR-103 filed on November 14, 2024, as [WSR #24-23-043](#). The rules became effective on December 15, 2024.

Technical Edits to [WAC 246-919-945](#) and [WAC 246-918-895](#)

The CR-105 was filed on July 16, 2024, as [WSR #24-15-054](#). This rulemaking removed references to osteopathic physician assistants. The rules were adopted on November 14, 2024, and became effective on December 15, 2024. The revised rules can be found in the CR-103 filed on November 14, 2024, as [WSR #24-23-042](#). The rules became effective on December 15, 2024.

More Information

Please visit our [rulemaking site](#) and for continued updates on rule development, interested parties are encouraged to join the [WMC's rules GovDelivery](#). WMC rulemaking comments or questions may be emailed to medical.rules@wmc.wa.gov.

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