

August 14, 2009

Representative Eileen Cody, Chair  
House of Representatives Health Care & Wellness Committee  
337 John L. O'Brien Building  
PO Box 40600  
Olympia WA 98504-0600

Dear Representative Cody:

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Washington State Legislature with information regarding the results of the review of the rules as it relates to the retired active physicians as required by 2SHB 1899.

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission has determined that amending the existing rules is appropriate. The Commission at its July 17, 2009 business meeting voted unanimously to begin the rule making process to amend the rules. The elements to be considered for the amendment will include:

- (1) Whether physicians holding retired active licenses should be allowed to provide health care services beyond primary care;
- (2) Whether physicians holding retired active licenses should be allowed to provide health care services in settings beyond community clinics operated by public or private tax-exempt corporations; and
- (3) Whether physician holding a retired active license should be limited to 90 days of practice per year.

If you have any questions regarding the rules process or the decision of the Commission, please contact Maryella Jansen, Executive Director at 360-236-2755 or by email at [maryella.jansen@doh.wa.gov](mailto:maryella.jansen@doh.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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Medical Quality Assurance Commission

Enclosure

cc: Governor Gregoire  
Representative Warnick  
Secretary Selecky  
Maryella Jansen, Executive Director.