



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103P (May 2009)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

Agency: Department of Health- Medical Quality Assurance Commission

**Permanent Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

31 days after filing.

**Other (specify)** (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** WAC 246-918-185 Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The adopted new rule implements provisions of RCW 43.70.442 that require allopathic physician assistants (among other professions) to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The adopted rule also incorporates an allowance in RCW 43.70.442 for the commission to define licensed allopathic physician assistants who are exempt from the training.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: None

Amended: None

Suspended: None

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**Other authority :**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

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<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	<u>1</u>	Amended	<u>0</u>	Repealed	<u>0</u>

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-918-185 Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management.** (1) A licensed physician assistant must complete a one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The training must be at least six hours in length and may be completed in one or more sessions.

(2) The training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after January 1, 2016, or during the first full continuing education period after initial licensure, whichever occurs later, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after the exemption in subsection (6) of this section no longer applies. The commission accepts training completed between June 12, 2014, and January 1, 2016, that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442 as meeting the one-time training requirement.

(3) Until July 1, 2017, the commission must approve the training. The commission will approve an empirically supported training in suicide assessment, suicide treatment, and suicide management that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442.

(4) Beginning July 1, 2017, the training must be on the model list developed by the department of health under RCW 43.70.442. The establishment of the model list does not affect the validity of training completed prior to July 1, 2017.

(5) The hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements in the same category specified in WAC 246-918-180.

(6) The commission exempts any licensed physician assistant from the training requirements of this section if the physician assistant has only brief or limited patient contact, or no patient contact.