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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Dear Kidney Dialysis Stakeholders,

The Washington State Department of Health is starting a review of its Certificate of Need (CoN) kidney dialysis rules. CoN uses these rules to project future community need for additional dialysis stations. The current rules can be reviewed at:

- [246-310-280](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Definitions
- [246-310-282](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Concurrent review cycle.
- [246-310-284](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Methodology.
- [246-310-286](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Standards for planning areas without an existing facility.
- [246-310-287](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Exceptions
- [246-310-288](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Tie-breakers.
- [246-310-289](#) Kidney disease treatment centers—Relocation of facilities.

We plan to have our first workgroup meeting the middle of October (date and details to follow). In planning for that first meeting we would like to invite you to send us any written comments about the current rules and any suggestions you may have to improve the rules.

Please email your comments and/or suggestions to the email address below by September 30:

fslcon@doh.wa.gov

Please use **Kidney Dialysis Rules** in the subject line:

If you prefer to send your comments and/or suggestions by mail the address is:

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Certificate of Need Program
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You will have more opportunities to give input as we develop the draft rules.

We will be using our kidney dialysis rules review listserv to keep everyone up-to-date on the progress of this rule project. You can join the listserv at [Kidney Dialysis Listserv](#)

Check the Kidney Dialysis Rule Review webpage frequently for updates at:

[Kidney Dialysis Rules Review](#)