



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-869 WAC; WAC 246-858-040; WAC 246-863-060; and WACs 246-901-100, -120 and -130. The Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering updating existing and establishing new rules to set standards for pharmacy business practices related to licensing, physical standards, equipment, security, inspections, operations, workload, staff utilization, advertisement or solicitation, and accountability to protect public health and safety.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapters 18.64 and 18.64A RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The commission will evaluate the need to adopt rules to establish clear standards for pharmacy business practices. Pharmacy practice has transitioned over the years where the operational management of a pharmacy is not entirely under the control or oversight of a pharmacist or pharmacy professionals. Rules are needed to set clear and enforceable standards to ensure that pharmacy business systems and practices promote public health, safety, and welfare.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and state Department of Labor & Industries will be invited to participate as stakeholders in the rule development process.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Collaborative rulemaking

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)
Stakeholders will be invited to participate in rule-writing workshops and provide input throughout the rulemaking process. Interested parties can sign-up to receive information, updates, or provide comments to the Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission at WSPQAC@doh.wa.gov or by contacting Doreen Beebe, Program Manager at the Department of Health, Pharmacy Quality Assurance Commission, P.O. Box 47852, Olympia WA 98504-7852.

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