



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-310-XXX, creating new section to establish rules for hospital acute care bed methodology

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 70.38.135; RCW 43.70.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Currently, the Certificate of Need (CoN) program uses the State Health Plan (SHP) of 1987 to provide guidance in determining the acute care bed need for hospitals. The SHP method has never been adopted into rule. Some parts of this method may no longer reflect current best practices. Updating and adopting an acute care bed need method into rule will: (1) reflect best practices, (2) provide clear guidance for applicants and reviewers alike, and (3) ensure consistency, predictability, and fairness in CoN decisions.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

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

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

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.)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting John Hilger, Rules Coordinator, Health Professions and Facilities, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501-7852. Email: john.hilger@doh.wa.gov; phone (360) 236-2929; fax (360) 236-2901. The department will notify all licensees and organizations who have expressed an interest in rulemaking activities. Interested parties may also submit written comments for consideration.

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