

Computed Tomography (CT) Personnel Qualifications Discussion Document

Office of Radiation Protection (ORP) is considering requiring the post primary ARRT certification for RTs performing diagnostic CT exams ([WAC 246-926-100 through -190](#), Radiological Technologists)

This would be a significant rule change that would require continued involvement by the critical access hospitals in development of the rule to address the balance between access to health care services and quality of care to make a sound decision.

[WAC 246-926-300](#) allows Radiologist Assistants (RA) to perform diagnostic CT exams. RA requires more education and experience than an RT and has a broader scope of practice. [WAC 246-926-310](#) establishes certification requirements for RA.

AAGs will confirm ORP authority to adopt RT standards. If appropriate:

- ORP will file proposed rule as significant change with analysis
- HSQA will file proposed rule as exception change
- Hold the public hearing for ORP and HSQA rules at the same time
- Adopt ORP and HSQA rules on the same day
- Delay effective date for HSQA rule by one day beyond ORP rule effective date
- Provide broad communication and clear descriptions of new requirements for RT, hospitals.