



## Hospice services – standards and need forecasting, WAC 246-310-290 November 2010

Activity	Expected Timeline	Date Completed
File CR-101	May 1, 2010	May 1, 2010
Hospice rules workshop # 1	June 29, 2010	June 29, 2010
Hospice rules workshop # 2	July 28, 2010	July 28, 2010
Hospice rules workshop # 3	August 26, 2010	August 26, 2010
Hospice rules workshop # 4	September 27, 2010	September 27, 2010
Hospice rules workshop # 5	November 5, 2010	
Hospice rules workshop # 6	Date TBA	
Draft revised Hospice rules	November 30, 2010	
Conduct informal stakeholder review of draft rules	December 1, 2010	
Revise draft rules based on stakeholder comments	December 15, 2010	
Finalize draft rule and required analyses	December 30, 2010	
File CR 102	February 2, 2011	
Public Hearing	March 18, 2011	
Respond to stakeholder comments, prepare Concise Explanatory Statement	March 31, 2011	
File CR 103	April 29, 2011	
Rule Effective	May 30, 2011	

**Purpose:**

The purpose of opening WAC 246-310-290 is to update the need forecasting methodology for hospice services by incorporating stakeholder input gained through various rules workshops and comment opportunities.

**Recent Issues and Activities:**

The fourth rules workshop was held on September 27, 2010. The department and stakeholders held discussions on key aspects of the hospice rules.

**Next Steps:**

The department will host rules workshop # 5 on November 5, 2010.

*For detailed information about the Hospice rule revision process, please see the Department of Health website at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/hsqa/FSL/CertNeed/Hospice.htm> or contact rules coordinator John Hilger, at 360-236-2929 or email [john.hilger@doh.wa.gov](mailto:john.hilger@doh.wa.gov)*