



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 246-310-290 - Hospice services -- Standards and need forecasting method.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Chapters 70.127 and 70.38 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The hospice standards and forecasting methods for providers applying for a certificate of need were adopted into rule in 2003. Since then, experience has shown that applicants do not always clearly understand the rules. Additionally, data sources, mandatory survey reporting and capacity issues may need to be addressed. Potential benefits will be (1) better informed decisions; (2) increased consistency and predictability; and (3) increased survey responses.

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.)

The department will convene a series of rule workshops and setup a dedicated ListServ. Interested parties can receive information on how to participate in updating the rule by contacting John Hilger, Rules Coordinator, Health Professions and Facilities, 310 Israel Rd SE, Tumwater, WA 98501-7852; PO Box 47868, Olympia, WA 98604-7868; Email: john.hilger@doh.wa.gov; phone (360) 236-2929; fax (360) 236-2901. We will notify all licensees and organizations who have expressed an interest in rulemaking activities.

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