



For Your Information – August 2005

At the State Board of Health (SBOH), we believe information is essential. For several years we have been making SBOH and health-related information available through the distribution of our Board meeting agendas with an attached segment simply called, "FYI". To make this information more accessible we have created this Web page. This page will be updated on a regular basis and should be considered the go-to source for current information on correspondence to and from the Board, a selection of health publications, and health-related conferences.

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Announcements and Press Releases

- **Office of Governor Christine Gregoire**

Release date: August 2, 2005

Gov. Christine Gregoire announces appointments to boards and commissions. State Board of Health: Kim Thorburn of Spokane has been appointed as chair to a term effective July 29, 2005, ending July 2, 2008. Thorburn is the public health officer for Spokane Regional Health District. The Honorable Mike Shelton of Coupeville has been reappointed to a term effective July 29, 2005, ending July 1, 2008. The board is the primary entity for state health policy development; required to produce a biennial report delineating the state's health priorities.

- **New Market Vocational Skills Center**

Release date: August 11, 2005

A critical shortage of skilled workers in the medical field, coupled with a rapidly aging population and a certain increase in demand for health services, has prompted two local institutions to partner in their efforts to expand the future health care workforce. Providence St. Peter Hospital (PSPH) and New Market Skills Center have recently entered into an agreement for PSPH to be curriculum developer and instructional provider for New Market's Professional Medical Careers program.

- **Commission on African American Affairs**

Release date: August 30, 2005

Health professionals, community advocates, and concerned citizens are urgently invited to attend the Diversity Health Summit on September 30 at the Doubletree SeaTac Hotel from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The state's ethnic commissions, health agencies, private foundations, and Gov. Christine Gregoire are event co-sponsors.

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Events and Conferences

August 2005

- | Date | Name and Location |
|--------------|---|
| August 5-8 | Creating Healthy Lifestyles for the 21st Century
Conference on Food, Soil, and Environmental Chemical Connections to Health
Using the Wisdom of the True Health Pioneers, Past and Present
Ocean Shores Convention Center
Ocean Shores, Washington |
| August 6-9 | The 5th Annual Life's End Institute Retreat
Missoula, Montana |
| August 7-9 | NASHP's 18th Annual State Health Policy Conference
www.nashp.org
Nashville, Tennessee |
| August 8-12 | The Art of Leading through Others
For information: http://www.cascadecourses.org or 206-616-1748
Cascade Center for Public Service and Leadership, Daniel J. Evans School of
Public Affairs
University of Washington
Seattle, Washington |
| August 10-13 | National Association of Local Boards of Health
13th Annual Conference
Hilton Suites Downtown
Nashville, Tennessee |
| August 11 | National Health Center Week
For information: 253-597-4550
Community Health Care's Lakewood Clinic
Lakewood, Washington |
| August 15-19 | 2005 International Congress on Medical Law and The 1st World Conference on
Public Health Law & Ethics
COEX InterContinental Hotel
Seoul, Korea |

- August 24-26 20th Annual Merrill Scott Symposium on Alcoholism
For information: www.sundwon.org
Yakima Convention Center
Yakima, Washington
- September 2005
- | Date | Name and Location |
|-----------------|--|
| Sept. 8-9 | Washington Summit on Alcohol & Other Drug Issues
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
Tacoma, Washington |
| Sept. 10 | Washington State Nurses Association course: "Developing Nurses as Environmental Health Advocates"
For information: Contact Karen Bowman at kbowman@wsna.org
Crown Hill Activity Center
Seattle, Washington |
| Sept. 13 | Western Washington Rural Hospital Videoconference
Diabetes Update: Closing the Gap Between Evidence and Practice
For information: 206-441-7137
Rural hospitals in Western Washington |
| Sept. 13-15 | 2005 Syndromic Surveillance Conference: Advancing Modern Disease Surveillance
Renaissance Hotel
Seattle, Washington |
| Sept. 19-20 | Community-Minded Enterprises: How to Build Powerful Collaborations for the Common Good
For information: www.community-minded.org
Seattle, Washington |
| Sept. 28-29 | Build a Better Tomorrow...Practice Safety and Health! 54th Governor's Industrial Safety and Health Conference
For information: www.WaGovConf.org
Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center
Tacoma, Washington |
| Sept. 30 | Diversity Health Summit
For information: Contact Rachel Thompson at Rachel@humanlinksfoundation.org or 360-794-2195
SeaTac Doubletree Inn
SeaTac, Washington |
| Sept. 30-Oct. 2 | Washington State Medical Association's 2005 Annual Meeting
For information: wsma@wsma.org
Sheraton Hotel
Tacoma, Washington |

October 2005

Date Name and Location
Oct. 10-12 12th Annual Joint Conference on Health
Partnering for a Healthier Tomorrow
For information: www.wspha.org
Yakima Convention Center
Yakima, Washington

Oct. 23-26 2005 ESRI Health GIS Conference: Advancing Health and Human Services
with Spatial Information
For information: www.esri.com/hug
The Palmer House Hilton
Chicago, Illinois

November 2005

Date Name and Location
Nov. 4-8 The American Public Health Association's 134th Annual Meeting and
Exposition
The New Boston Convention and Exposition Center
Boston, Massachusetts

Nov. 5-9 American Public Health Association's 133rd Annual Meeting & Exposition
For information: <http://apha.org/meetings/>
Ernest N. Morial Convention Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

December 2005

Date Name and Location
December 6 20th Annual Washington Health Legislative Conference: "Health or Health
Care? Reframing the Discussion"
For information: [http://depts.washington.edu/rchpol/events/
legcon05index.htm](http://depts.washington.edu/rchpol/events/legcon05index.htm)
SeaTac Hilton Conference Center
SeaTac, Washington

March 2006

Date Name and Location
March 22-24 19th Annual NW Regional Rural Health Conference: Dare to Prepare
For information: Contact Charlotte Hardt at hardt@wsu.edu or 509-358-7643
Red Lion Hotel at the Park
Spokane, Washington

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Correspondence

Correspondence to the Board

- **Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn, Chair, Washington State Board of Health**
Source: Mr. Robert J. Benze
Letter from Mr. Benze requesting help in correcting rule making adopted by the Board on July 13, Chapter 246-272A WAC.
- **Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Ms. Teresa D. Conyers
E-mail from Ms. Conyers requesting information on Medicare eligibility for disabled retirees.
- **Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Ms. Christine Hedges
Fax from Ms. Hedges to the Skagit County Board of Health regarding concern for the safety of guests of Blue Sky Outfitters in Marblemount, Washington.
- **Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Mr. Patrick Pockat
E-mail from Mr. Pockat regarding Dr. Greg Zoltani and the treatment he received.
- **Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Ms. Delma Larkin
E-mail request from Ms. Larkin for a list of new dentists in Washington State.
- **Washington State Board of Health Members**
Source: Ms. Paula Cosentino, Group Health Cooperative
E-mail request from Ms. Cosentino for a copy of the *Guidelines for Management of Pain*.
- **Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn, Chair, Washington State Board of Health**
Source: Dr. Maxine Hayes, State Health Officer
Letter from Dr. Hayes requesting the State Board of Health's services, including nominating a representative, on the Department of Health's immunization task force.

Correspondence from the Board

- **Dr. Thomas Locke, Chair, Washington State Board of Health**
Letter to Carolyn Tolas, President of the Washington State Board of Education, thanking her for the letter of testimony in support of the varicella immunization requirement.
- **Mr. Craig McLaughlin, Executive Director, Washington State Board of Health**
Response letter to Mr. Robert J. Benze regarding his letter to Dr. Kim Marie Thorburn. Mr. Benze requested amendments to Chapter 246-272A WAC and the Board is handling the request as a petition for rule making.
- **Ms. Lonnie Peterson, Public Information Officer, Washington State Board of Health**
Response e-mail to Ms. Teresa Conyers regarding her request for information on Medicare eligibility for disabled retirees. Ms. Peterson notified Ms. Conyers that the Board does not have authority over the Health Care Authority or Medicaid and referred her to the Health Care Authority.

- **Ms. Lonnie Peterson, Public Information Officer, Washington State Board of Health**
Response e-mail to Mr. Patrick Pockat regarding his e-mail to the Board about Dr. Greg Zoltani. The Board does not handle complaints against physicians. His e-mail was forwarded to the Department of Health.
- **Ms. Lonnie Peterson, Public Information Officer, Washington State Board of Health**
Response e-mail to Ms. Delma Larkin regarding her request of a list of new dentists in Washington State. Her request was forwarded to the Department of Health.
- **Ms. Lonnie Peterson, Public Information Officer, Washington State Board of Health**
Response e-mail to Ms. Paula Cosentino regarding her request for a copy of the *Guidelines for Management of Pain*. Her request was forwarded to the Department of Health.

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General Interest

- **Governor's Community Health Bowl 2005**
Healthiest State in the Nation Campaign
As a key element of its Healthiest State in the Nation Campaign, Washington Health Foundation is coordinating a 'Governor's Community Health Bowl' for healthy living and healthy systems in Washington. In this, the largest commitment to improved activity in the entire US, Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire will set a statewide goal of accumulating one million miles over a 6-week period in the fall of 2005.

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Local Boards of Health: Agendas and Meeting Minutes

- **Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health**
August 3, 2005
 - Election of Board of Health Officer
 - Introduce and Welcome New BOH Member
 - Comments by the Public
 - Consent Agenda
 - Regular Agenda
 - Director of Health Comments
 - Comments by Board of Health Members
 - Executive Session
- **Grant County Health District**
August 10, 2005
<http://www.granthealth.org/grantcountyboardofhealth.htm>
 - Approval of July 13, 2005 Minutes
 - Public Forum for Citizen's Comments and Applications
 - Environmental Health Report
 - Personal Health/Administrator Report

- Health Officer's Report
- Approval of Vouchers for July 31, 2005
- Other Business

- **Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health**
August 25, 2005
http://www.srhd.org/downloads/info_about/BOHAgenda.pdf

- Citizen Input
- Chair Report
- Health Officer Report
- Approval of Minutes
- Approval of Vouchers
- Action Items
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Publications - General Media

- **Reports, A publication for the members of the Washington State Medical Association**
August 2005
Articles of interest: "All Washington hospitals on board for 100K Lives Campaign," "WSMA Annual Meeting Opening Session offers topics to inspire, reflect upon," "Order your Yes on I-330/No on I-336 campaign materials today," "Seattle researchers awarded millions to aid disease research," "Federal panel recommends comprehensive prenatal HIV screening," "Let the WSMA assist you in finding or furthering your medical career," "Medicare SNF patients get new appeal process," "Do you need a life insurance audit?" "Groggy patient allowed to drive home; videotape tells the truth; and physician's substance abuse records deemed relevant," and "Project Access: How our physicians are building a new safety net."
- **Report: Bacteria flourishes in sand**
Source: The Olympian, August 3, 2005
Contaminated water closes beaches and makes waves. But it's the sand that typically harbors more bacteria, according to a new report from the Clean Beaches Council, a non-profit advocacy group.
- **The CDC Public Health Law News**
August 3, 2005
Articles of interest: "Governor tells schools to heed vending rules," "Lawsuit allowed in MIT suicide," "Happy 21st birthday! How about a soda?" "What Seeps Beneath," "As girl copes, legacy may protect others; 'Aedin's Law' takes aim at *E. coli*," "School-vaccine waivers inject concern in experts," "Congress approves patient safety bill," "More US students exposed to pesticide," and "Police chiefs moving to share terror data."
- **County health chief to head state board**
Source: The Spokesman Review, August 5, 2005
Gov. Christine Gregoire has appointed Dr. Kim Thorburn, Spokane County's chief health official, to head up the state Board of Health. The part-time appointment means Thorburn will

lead the 10-member state board for three years, while still serving as director of the Spokane Regional Health District.

- **Childhood Vaccines Pose No Extra Risk for Disease, Study Finds**

Source: The Washington Post, August 10, 2005

Contrary to some fears, childhood vaccines do not appear to overwhelm the immune system and make youngsters prone to other infections, according to the largest study to examine the issue.

- **West Nile Virus Newsletter**

August 10, 2005

Articles of interest: "West Nile Virus Activity in the United States," "West Nile virus found in Snohomish County horses brought in from California," "Northwest activity by county," "Benton County Mosquito Control District detects St. Louis encephalitis in chicken flock," "Blood screening helps West Nile fight," "CDC and Fort Dodge Animal Health achieve first licensed DNA vaccine," and "Washington non-human surveillance summary."

- **Trade group urges less soda in schools**

Source: The News Tribune, August 17, 2005

The American Beverage Association is recommending limiting the availability of soft drinks in schools across the country, a move that comes amid increased pressure to curb the epidemic of childhood obesity.

- **Kim Thorburn heads health board**

Source: The Miner, August 17, 2005

Kim Thorburn of Spokane has been appointed as chair of the State of Washington Board of Health, for a term effective July 29 to July 2, 2008.

- **New vaccines giving kids a better shot**

Source: The Seattle Times, August 17, 2005

New protections for children against infectious diseases are coming soon to a doctor's office or clinic near you. A vaccine for one serious illness, meningococcal disease, already has been recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and at least five other new vaccines or variations of existing vaccines are well on their way to commercial availability in the US.

- **Bay's shellfish off-limits**

Source: The Olympian, August 18, 2005

The state Department of Health closed commercial shellfish harvesting on the east side of Annas Bay in Hood Canal today because of unacceptable levels of fecal contamination in the water.

- **When a Bug Becomes a Monster**

Source: The New York Times, August 21, 2005

Health officials in New York are working with increasing urgency to develop a defense in case a deadly strain of influenza begins to spread widely.

- **Critics Say Soda Policy for Schools Lacks Teeth**

Source: The New York Times, August 22, 2005

When the American Beverage Association announced a new policy curbing sales of sodas in schools last week, the soft drink industry billed the move as a bold new plan to address the urgent problem of childhood obesity.

- **Vaccine shortage creates bind for students**

Source: The Boston Globe, August 23, 2005

A national shortage of a bacterial meningitis vaccine appears to be preventing many

Massachusetts college students from complying with a law that for the first time requires new students to be inoculated two weeks before classes begin.

- **Who's in charge if bird flu strikes--docs or cops?**

Source: Cox News Service, August 24, 2005

The head of the Department of Homeland Security said Tuesday his agency--and not the federal health establishment--will manage the country's response if a deadly new strain of bird flu evolves into a human pandemic.

- **The CDC Public Health Law News**

August 24, 2005

Articles of interest: "New law to focus on HIV in blacks," "Some cultures puzzled by food codes," "Missouri court allows class-action suit against Philip Morris," "State, educators boost efforts to prevent youth suicides," "City and state prepare an overabundance system for the threat of avian flu," "NC court rules tobacco growers in 14 states due millions in Phase II payments," "State moves to protect foster children from secondhand smoke," "Critics say soda policy for schools lacks teeth," "Regulators propose rules for stronger vehicle roofs," and "Williams v. Attorney General of Canada and Others."

- **Toxic burden for poor, minorities**

Source: Seattle Post-Intelligencer, August 26, 2005

"I'm tired of being a dumping ground." Debbie Carlin ticks off the reasons why she often feels bombarded by environmental hazards. The noxious fumes wafting from a nearby paint company were bad enough. They plagued Carlin's South Park neighborhood for years--until the firm moved. There is also the Duwamish River, a Superfund cleanup site, which flows a short walk from her house. Her dog can't swim there safely. Most fish are too tainted to eat.

- **US to Triple Airport Quarantine Stations**

Source: The Washington Post, August 28, 2005

The government plans to more than triple the number of quarantine stations at airports around the country and hire scores of health officers as part of a broad plan to try to stop deadly infectious diseases from entering the United States.

- **Disease and Coordination Vie as Major Challenges**

Source: The New York Times, August 31, 2005

As they rushed medical equipment and experts to the Gulf Coast, federal officials warned yesterday that the public health consequences of Hurricane Katrina were likely to be enormous and long term. The officials said they were particularly worried about outbreaks of disease spread through sewage contamination of drinking water, spoiled food, insects, and bites from snakes and other animals.

- **The CDC Public Health Law News**

August 31, 2005

Articles of interest: "California files French fry lawsuit," "Disease and coordination vie as major challenges," "Louisiana evacuees told to stay put," "Vaccine shortage creates bind for students," "Cigarette 'fee' in court; Tobacco companies say state violates '98 settlement," "City questions circumcision ritual after baby dies," "Kendra's Law is powerful, on paper, local experts say," "Age-old cures get US hearing," "Truth ads do not vilify tobacco industry: court ruling," and "US to triple airport quarantine stations."

- **New flu vaccine, Fluarix, to be available for fall**

Source: USA Today, August 31, 2005

A new flu vaccine was approved Wednesday for sale in the USA this fall, and a second

manufacturer moved closer to getting the go-ahead, easing concerns of a replay of last year's flu shot shortage.

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Publications - Highlighted Journal Articles

- ***American Journal of Public Health***
August 1, 2005; Vol. 95, No. 8
<http://www.ajph.org/content/vol95/issue8/?etoc>
- ***The Journal of the American Medical Association***
August 3, 2005; Vol. 294, No. 5
<http://www.jama.ama-assn.org/content/vol294/issue5/index.dtl?etoc>
- ***MMWR Weekly***
August 5, 2005; Volume 54, No. 30
Articles of interest: "Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Hmong Refugees Resettling from Thailand into the United States, 2004-2005," "Fatal Injuries Among Volunteer Workers," "Interim Guidance for Minimizing Risk for Human Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus Infection Associated with Rodents," "Tiered Use of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in the Event of a Vaccine Shortage," "Errata: Vol. 54, No. RR-8," and "QuickStats: Percentage of Never-Married Teens Aged 15-19 Years Who Reported Ever Having Sexual Intercourse, by Sex and by Age Group."
- **Multidrug-Resistant Tuberculosis in Hmong Refugees Resettling from Thailand into the United States, 2004-2005**
Source: MMWR Weekly, August 5, 2005/54(30);741-744
In December 2003, the US Department of State initiated a resettlement program for 15,707 Hmong refugees who had been displaced from Laos and were living on the grounds of Wat Tham Krabok, a Buddhist temple in Thailand.
- **Tiered Use of Inactivated Influenza Vaccine in the Event of a Vaccine Shortage**
Source: MMWR Weekly, August 5, 2005/54(30);749-750
The United States has experienced disruptions in the manufacture or distribution of inactivated influenza vaccine during three of the last five influenza seasons (1-3).
- **Interim Guidance for Minimizing Risk for Human Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis Virus Infection Associated with Rodents**
Source: MMWR Weekly, August 5, 2005/54(30);747-749
In May 2005, CDC received reports of four organ-transplant recipients with unknown illness. All were discovered to have been infected with lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus (LCMV) via a common organ donor (1).
- ***The Journal of the American Medical Association***
August 10, 2005; Vol. 294, No. 6
<http://jama.ama-assn.org/content/vol294/issue6/index.dtl?etoc>
- **Adding Value to Evidence-Based Clinical Guidelines**
Source: The Journal of the American Medical Association, August 10, 2005--Vol 294, No. 6
Clinical practice guidelines (CPGs) are widely viewed as a cornerstone of current efforts to improve the quality of clinical care. At their best, CPGs articulate clear goals of care, enumerate

potentially beneficial therapeutic approaches, and may reduce undesirable variation in care while supporting rational clinical management of common conditions.

- **HIV Testing Without Consent in Critically Ill Patients**

Source: The Journal of the American Medical Association, August 10, 2005--Vol 294, No. 6

Consider the following 3 newly admitted patients. The first patient has marked hypoxemia requiring mechanical ventilation and is found to have nonspecific, bilateral, alveolar infiltrates on chest radiography. The second patient has had a severe change in mental status and on brain imaging has an enhancing lesion exerting mass effect. The third patient has high fevers, ventilator-dependent respiratory failure, and diffuse nodular infiltrates on chest radiography, with negative blood, urine, and sputum cultures after 48 hours.

- **Childhood Vaccination and Nontargeted Infectious Disease Hospitalization**

Source: The Journal of the American Medical Association, August 10, 2005--Vol 294, No. 6

During the last 2 decades, more vaccinations have become available and routine vaccination schedules have become increasingly complex. This has led to concern among some that multiple antigen vaccines, such as the measles-mumps-rubella vaccine, or aggregated vaccine exposure could lead to immune dysfunction, resulting in infectious diseases not targeted by vaccination, occurring as a result of an "overload" mechanism.

- **Self-Reported Asthma Among High School Students--United States, 2003**

Source: MMWR Weekly, August 12, 2005/54(31);765-767

Asthma is a leading chronic illness among children in the United States (1). To examine self-reported asthma and asthma attacks among US high school students, CDC analyzed data from the 2004 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS).

- **MMWR Weekly**

August 12, 2005, Volume 54, No. 31

Articles of interest: "Self-Reported Asthma Among High School Students," "Human Rabies," "West Nile Virus Activity," "QuickStats: Mean Weight and Height Among Adults Aged 20-74 Years, by Sex and Survey Period," "Final 2004 Reports of Notifiable Diseases," and "Notifiable Diseases and Reported Deaths."

- **Impact of Varicella Vaccination on Health Care Utilization**

Source: The Journal of the American Medical Association, August 17, 2005--Vol 294, No. 7

Varicella vaccine is recommended for routine immunization of children aged 12 to 18 months and for older susceptible children and adults in the United States. Before its licensure in 1995, almost everyone developed chickenpox; thus, incidence approximated the birth cohort, with about 13,000 hospitalizations and 100 to 150 deaths annually.

- **Varicella Vaccine, Cost-effectiveness Analyses, and Vaccination Policy**

Source: The Journal of the American Medical Association, August 17, 2005--Vol 294, No. 7

Has varicella vaccination been as cost-effective as anticipated when it was universally recommended for children 10 years ago? The answer is complicated and illuminates an evolving controversy regarding the role of cost-effectiveness analyses in deliberations over national vaccine recommendations.

- **The Journal of the American Medical Association**

August 24, 2005; Vol. 294, No. 8

<http://jama.ama-assn.org/cgi/content/full/294/8/875?etoc>

- **MMWR Weekly**

August 26, 2005, Volume 54, No. 33

Articles of interest: "Preventable Measles Among US Residents, 2001-2004," "*Shigella flexneri* Serotype 3 Infections Among Men Who Have Sex with Men," "Progress in Improving State and Local Disease Surveillance," and "QuickStats: Percentage of Persons Aged ≥ 20 Years with Hypertension, by Race/Ethnicity."

- **Syndromic Surveillance: Reports from a National Conference, 2004**

Source: MMWR, August 26, 2005, Volume 54, Supplement

Effective public health surveillance is essential for detecting and responding to emerging public health threats, including terrorism and infectious diseases. New surveillance methods are being developed to improve the timeliness and completeness of disease outbreak detection. One promising approach is syndromic surveillance, which monitors existing health-related data (e.g., emergency department visits, chief complaints, or over-the-counter medication purchases) for aberrations indicating a potential outbreak requiring investigation.

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Publications - Reports

- **Trust for America's Health Issue Report: F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America 2005**

In October 2004, Trust for America's Health (TFAH) issued a report examining obesity policies in America entitled, *F as in Fat: How Obesity Policies are Failing in America.* The 2004 report concluded that national and state policies are falling far short of obesity prevention and reduction goals. It found that the US does not have the aggressive, coordinated national and state strategies needed to address the crisis--and this threatens to make the epidemic worse.

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Rule Development

Pre-proposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101)

- **WAC 388-112-0210, related to Continuing Education topics for residential caregiver training and WAC 388-112-0255, related to content requirements for first-aid training**

CR-101 filed: August 1, 2005

The purpose of the new language in WAC 388-112-0210 is to add .5 hours per year of safe food handling continuing education for Adult Family Home caregivers as required by new section 6 of RCW 70.128.010. The purpose of new language in WAC 388-112-0255 is to add content requirements for first-aid training. In addition, ADSA may amend existing rules to ensure that rules are current and clear. Policy changes that arise during this time will be incorporated into this rule making.

Proposed Rule Making (CR-102)

- **Adopting new WAC 388-106-0720 through 388-106-0740, Medicare/Medicaid Integration Program (MMIP) Services; and amending WAC 388-106-0015, What long-term care services does the department provide?**

CR-102 filed: August 1, 2005

The purpose of the rules are to add eligibility criteria and guidance for implementation of the Medicare/Medicaid Integration Project, a new and innovative managed care program in the state

of Washington that will combine long-term care and medical services under one coordinated service delivery model and capitated payment structure, thereby improving client outcomes through increased coordination, while better serving Medicaid expenditures.

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