



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-453 WAC--Hospital Charity Care. The Department of Health (department) is considering revisions to this chapter to implement Substitute House Bill (SHB) 6273 (Chapter 263, Laws of 2018) regarding delineating charity care and notice requirements without restricting charity care.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 70.170.060

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is considering amending chapter 246-453-WAC-Hospital Charity Care to comply with SHB 6273 that was enacted by the 2018 Washington State Legislature. SHB 6273 adds several definitions to RCW 70.170.020 that modify or replace definitions currently in chapter 246-453 WAC. SHB 6273 also amends RCW 70.170.060 to create new opportunities for patients to apply for charity care that are not currently addressed in chapter 246-453 WAC. To be compliant with SHB 6273 the rules may need to be revised.

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 rulemaking

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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(<https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>) to the program's interested parties list. At the formal proposal stage of rulemaking, proposed rule language will be posted on the department's rules comments website for public comment up to the date of the public hearing. Other information may be found at:

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthcareinWashington/HospitalandPatientData/HospitalPatientInformationandCharityCare>

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