



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**Agency:** Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-817-581 - Novel coronavirus disease 2019 vaccination delegation. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering permanent rulemaking allowing dentists to delegate administration of novel coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) vaccination to licensed dental hygienists with close supervision and demonstration of competency.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.29.050 and RCW 18.32.0365

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, dentists are among the essential health providers who can safely administer vaccinations and help address this public health emergency. Mass vaccination across the state takes cooperation and coordination across the entire health system. Dentists and delegated dental hygienists can increase capacity for priority populations who may not otherwise be connected to the traditional health care system during the pandemic. Increased capacity of health care workers administering the COVID-19 vaccine will help Washington end this pandemic. Allowing delegation of COVID-19 vaccination to dental hygienists also assists dentists by reducing their workload to effectively continue providing dental care to patients.

On January 7, 2021 the commission approved emergency rulemaking for COVID-19 vaccination delegation. The commission intends for the emergency rule to be in place until the permanent rule is adopted.

**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

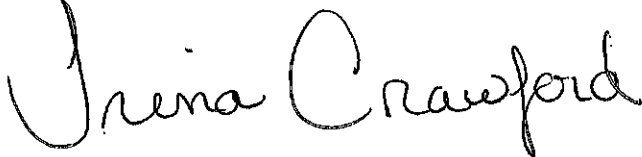
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Additional comments: Interested parties may sign up for the program's interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. All rulemaking notices will be emailed via GovDelivery. Rule development will take place in open public meetings prior to a formal rule proposal and comment period.

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