**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-817-601, 610, 620, and 630 Infection Control. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amending rules to update dental infection control practice standards.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.32.002 and RCW 18.32.0365

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The current rules are outdated and amendments may be necessary to ensure current infection control practice standards are being followed. Up-to-date infection control practice standards are necessary to prevent disease transmission in oral health care.

**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
- [x] 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.)
Department of Health, Dental Quality Assurance Commission, Jennifer Santiago, PO Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504, 360-236-4893, Jennifer.santiago@doh.wa.gov. Interested stakeholders may sign up for the commission's listserv at http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?SUBED1=dental-qac&AA=1. All rule making notices will be emailed to the commission's interested parties list (listserv) and appropriate state associations. Rule drafting will take place in open public meetings where comments will be accepted verbally and in writing.

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