PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-809 WAC, licensure for mental health counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers. Amending the topics of education, recordkeeping, mandatory reporting, supervision, approved supervisor, continuing education, and other licensing standards and to make needed clarifications and technical changes.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.225.040 and RCW 18.225.090

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is considering developing new and revised requirements related to supervision of associates and the approved supervisor requirements in order to better prepare associates for independent licensure. In addition, the department is considering amending the recordkeeping, education, and continuing education requirements to strengthen the requirements and align them with current trends in practice. The department will also consider making clarifications and technical changes in other licensing standards, as needed.

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

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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