



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-976-010 through -310, -330 through -400, -890, -920, -960, and -970-- Emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care systems. The Department of Health (department) is considering updating the EMS sections of the chapter to align with current national standards, streamline application processes, and respond to legislative requirements. New sections may be added as required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.040, 18.71.205, 18.73.081, and 70.168.050

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department is opening WAC 246-976-010 through -310, -330 through -400, -890, -920, -960 and -970 to: (1) consider updates to align with current national standards; (2) make regulations more clear and concise; (3) respond to statutory requirements; and (4) streamline initial and renewal application processes for pre-hospital services licenses and EMS provider certification. The current standards establish qualifications for the issuance, suspension, and revocation of a pre-hospital agency license and EMS provider certification. The department identifies updates, revisions, and housekeeping items needed for this chapter. By doing so, the department will satisfy the requirements of RCW 43.70.041, enacted and codified in 2013, which directs the department and other state agencies to establish a formal review process of existing rules every five years in order to reduce the regulatory burden on businesses without compromising public health and safety. It is anticipated that the amendments to existing rules and new sections will ensure regulations and standards are clear, concise, and reflect current standards of care and best practice for the benefit and safety of the public.

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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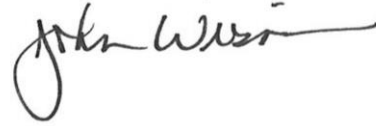
Additional comments: Interested parties may participate in the development of draft rules prior to a formal proposal by joining the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>, and may provide input on draft and proposed materials. Interested parties may receive information on how to participate by contacting Catie

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Wiesman". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Title: Secretary of Health