



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Agency:** Department of Health- Board of Optometry

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 10-05-060 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR ; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR
- Continuance of WSR

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject)

WAC 246-851-235 Credits for cultural competency in clinical care. Proposing a new rule to allow optometrists credit for continuing education related to cultural competence.

**Hearing location(s):** Creekside Two at Center Point  
20425 72nd Avenue South  
Room 307  
Kent, WA 98032

Date: December 1, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

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**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Judy Haenke, Program Manager by 11/19/2014

TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

**Date of intended adoption:** 12/01/2014

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

The proposed rule provides an optional credit for educational courses which increase cultural competency of licensed optometrists. The rule addresses the increasing demand for health care practitioners to provide effective care for patients of diverse cultural and social origins. All health care providers should be encouraged to increase their knowledge and practice skills to provide effective care to all patients regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or primary language. The rule does not change the total number of continuing education credits required for optometrists.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

In 2006, ESB6194 (Chapter 237, Laws of 2006), now codified as RCW 43.70.615, suggested health care providers licensed by the Department of Health would benefit from multicultural health awareness education and training. Completion of multicultural awareness programs may increase the knowledge, understanding and skill of health care providers to effectively provide health care in cross-cultural situations.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 18.54.070

**Statute being implemented:**

RCW 18.54.070 and RCW 43.70.615

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
  - Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
  - State Court Decision?  Yes  No
- If yes, CITATION:

DATE 08/27/2014

NAME (type or print)

Judy Chan, OD

SIGNATURE

TITLE

Chair, Board of Optometry

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DATE: **August 27, 2014**

TIME: **2:16 PM**

**WSR 14-18-041**

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

None

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Health/Board of Optometry

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

| Name  | Office Location                        | Phone        |
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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone

fax

e-mail

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

A small business economic impact statement was not prepared. The proposed rule would not impose more than minor costs on businesses in an industry.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

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No: Please explain: The agency did not complete a cost-benefit analysis under RCW 34.05.328. RCW 34.05.328(5)(a) exempts rules that, by definition, are not significant legislative rules.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-851-235 Credits for cultural competency in clinical care.** (1) This section addresses the increasing demand for health care practitioners to provide effective care for patients of diverse cultural and social origins. All optometrists are encouraged to increase their knowledge and practice skills to provide effective care to all patients regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, or primary language.

(2) Continuing education credit will be granted for courses or materials related to the awareness of health disparities among different populations and the ability to effectively provide health services in cross cultural situations.

(3) No more than two credit hours will be granted under this section to any licensee in any two-year reporting period.