



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Agency:** Department of Health

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 16-16-023 ; 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 246-810-0298 Continuing education competency for certified counselors and certified advisers. The department is proposing to amend the continuing education competency requirements for suicide assessment training standards for the certified counselors and certified advisers to be consistent with 2015 amendments to RCW 43.70.442.

**Hearing location(s):** Department of Health  
Town Center 2 (TC2)  
Room 158  
111 Israel Road SE  
Tumwater, WA 98501

Date: November 21, 2016

Time: 11:00 am

**Submit written comments to:**

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Kim-Boi Shadduck by 11/14/2016

TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

**Date of intended adoption:** 12/23/2016

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

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

This proposal is to implement RCW 43.70.442, which requires certified counselors and certified advisers to complete three-hour training in suicide assessment, screening, and referral from the department's model list beginning July 1, 2017.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

2015 legislation (ESHB 1424) requires all eleven health care professions, including certified counselors and certified advisers, currently required by RCW 43.70.422 to complete suicide prevention training, to use only those training programs on the department's approved model list beginning July 1, 2017. Training taken before July 1, 2017 can be from training sources currently listed in subsection (1) of this rule.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 18.19.050

**Statute being implemented:**

RCW 43.70.442

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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

**DATE** 10/03/2016

**NAME** (type or print)

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**TITLE**

Secretary of Health

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**DATE:** October 03, 2016

**TIME:** 1:33 PM

**WSR 16-20-068**

**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

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 Public  
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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:

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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:

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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)(b)(iii)

exempts rules that adopt or incorporate by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state law, the rules of other Washington state agencies, or national consensus code generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

**WAC 246-810-0298 Suicide assessment training standards.** (1) Approved qualifying training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral must:

~~((1))~~ (a) Until July 1, 2017, be approved by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, entities listed in WAC 246-810-0293, or an equivalent organization, educational institution or association which approves training based on observation and experiment or best available practices. ~~((2))~~ The training must be empirically supported training and meet other requirements in RCW 43.70.442;

(b) Beginning July 1, 2017, must be on the department's model list developed in accordance with RCW 43.70.442. Nothing in this section invalidates trainings completed according to this chapter before July 1, 2017;

(c) Cover training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral~~((-~~

~~+3))~~; and

(d) Be provided by a single provider and be at least three hours in length, which may be provided in one or more sessions.

~~((4))~~ (2) A certified counselor or certified adviser who is an employee of a state or local government employer is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least three hours of training in suicide assessment including screening and referral from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one three-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

~~((5))~~ (3) A certified counselor or certified adviser who is an employee of a community mental health agency licensed under chapter 71.24 RCW or a chemical dependency program certified under chapter 70.96A RCW is exempt from the requirements of this section if he or she receives a total of at least three hours of training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one three-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

~~((6))~~ (4) A certified counselor or certified adviser that obtained training under the exemptions listed in subsections ~~((4))~~ (2) and ~~((5))~~ (3) of this section may obtain CE credit subject to documentation as defined in WAC 246-810-0297.