



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 16-15-084 ; 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 246-924-255 Continuing education competency for the Examining Board of Psychology (EPOB). The EPOB is proposing to amend continuing education requirements for suicide assessment training standards for psychologists licensed in Washington State, consistent with 2015 amendments to RCW 43.70.442 requiring psychologists to take suicide prevention training only from those listed on Department of Health's model list.

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

Date: November 18, 2016

Time: 11:00 am

**Submit written comments to:**

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fax 360-236-2901 by (date) 11/10/2016

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Kim-Boi Shadduck by 11/10/2016

TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

**Date of intended adoption:** 11/18/2016

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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

2015 legislation (ESHB 1424) requires licensed psychologists, and other health care professionals required to complete suicide prevention continuing education, to only use training programs included on the Department of Health's approved model list beginning July 1, 2017.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed rules are needed to be consistent with 2015 amendments to RCW 43.70.442 requiring the psychologists to take suicide prevention continuing education training only from the those approved training programs listed on the Department of Health's model list.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 18.83.090

**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** October 03, 2016

**NAME** (type or print)

Shari Roberts

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Chair

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**DATE:** October 03, 2016

**TIME:** 4:14 PM

**WSR 16-20-073**

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

None.

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization)      Examining Board of Psychology

- Private  
 Public  
 Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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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 (SBEIS) was not prepared. Under RCW 19.85.025 and 34.05.310(4)(c), a SBEIS is not required for proposed 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 codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

**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 codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

**WAC 246-924-255 Suicide intervention training standards.** (1) An approved training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management must:

~~(a) ((Be approved by the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, the Suicide Prevention Resource Center, American Psychological Association, American Medical Association, regional or state psychological associations or their subchapters, psychology internship training centers, or an equivalent organization, educational institution or association which approves training based on observation and experiment or best available practices.~~

~~(b))~~ Cover training in suicide assessment, including screening and referral, suicide treatment, and suicide management(~~(-~~

~~(e))~~);

(b) Be provided by a single provider and must be at least six hours in length, which may be provided in one or more sessions; and

(c) 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.

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

(3) A licensed psychologist 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 six hours of training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management from his or her employer every six years. For purposes of this subsection, the training may be provided in one six-hour block or may be spread among shorter training sessions at the employer's discretion.

(4) A licensed psychologist who obtained training under subsection (2) or (3) of this section may obtain continuing education credit for that training subject to documentation as defined in WAC 246-924-300.