



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Health- Medical Quality Assurance Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 15-17-076 ; 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 16-10-106
- Continuance of WSR

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

WAC 246-918-185 (New) Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management for allopathic physician assistants. This is a supplemental proposal to proposed rules filed as WSR 16-10-106 on May 4, 2016.

Hearing location(s): Capital Event Center
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Date: 12/01/2016

Time: 8:30 AM

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Date of intended adoption: 12/01/2016

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

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

Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2315, chapter 71, Laws of 2014, requires allopathic physician assistants (among other professions) to complete a one-time, six-hour training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. Chapter 249, Laws of 2015 (ESHB 1424) revised the requirement date and the proposed rule incorporates that change as well. The proposed rule also incorporates an allowance in ESHB 1424 for the Medical Quality Assurance Commission (commission) to exempt certain physician assistants from the training. Supplemental: The original proposal defined brief or limited patient contact, which allowed for an exemption. As a result of public comment the commission decided not to define the term, but to allow physician assistants to determine whether they have brief or limited patient contact. Once the exemption no longer applies, the physician assistant must complete the training during the first full reporting period.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The proposed rules implement suicide prevention training as required in ESHB 2315 as well as ESHB 1424. Supplemental: The law does not address the situation where a physician assistant is exempt but subsequently has more than brief or limited patient contact. The commission proposes to address this situation by requiring that these physician assistants must complete the training during the first full reporting period after the exemption no longer applies.

Statutory authority for adoption:

RCW 18.71.017

Statute being implemented:

RCW 43.70.442 and 18.71.080

Is rule necessary because of a:

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

DATE 10/13/2016

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

None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Medical Quality Assurance Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

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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:

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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:

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-918-185 Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. (1) A licensed physician assistant must complete a one-time training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. The training must be at least six hours in length and may be completed in one or more sessions.

(2) The training must be completed by the end of the first full continuing education reporting period after January 1, 2016, or during the first full continuing education period after initial licensure, whichever occurs later, or during the first full continuing education reporting period after the exemption in subsection (6) of this section no longer applies. The commission accepts training completed between June 12, 2014, and January 1, 2016, that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442 as meeting the one-time training requirement.

(3) Until July 1, 2017, the commission must approve the training. The commission will approve an empirically supported training in suicide assessment, suicide treatment, and suicide management that meets the requirements of RCW 43.70.442.

(4) Beginning July 1, 2017, the training must be on the model list developed by the department of health under RCW 43.70.442. The establishment of the model list does not affect the validity of training completed prior to July 1, 2017.

(5) The hours spent completing training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management count toward meeting applicable continuing education requirements in the same category specified in WAC 246-918-180.

(6) The commission exempts any licensed physician assistant from the training requirements of this section if the physician assistant has only brief or limited patient contact, or no patient contact.