



# 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 ; 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 246-918-076 Temporary practice permit -- Military spouse eligibility and issuance. The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is proposing adding a new section to provide for temporary permits to be issued for military spouses or state-registered domestic partners who hold an out-of-state license as allopathic physician assistants (PA).

**Hearing location(s):** Educational Service District 123  
3924 West Court Street  
Pasco, WA 99301

Date: 6/28/2017

Time: 2:15 PM

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Daidria Underwood by 06/23/2017

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**Date of intended adoption:** 06/28/2017

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

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

The commission is proposing to add a new section to chapter 246-918 WAC in order to issue a temporary practice permit to a military spouse or state-registered domestic partner applicant who moved to Washington state because of the transfer of the military person, and where the applicant must complete specific additional licensing requirements in Washington state for PA licensure. The applicant must be licensed as a PA in another state with substantially equivalent standards to Washington state, and must meet other specific criteria.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed rule is necessary to establish a process and criteria to expedite the licensing process for an applicant to receive a temporary practice permit as a PA pursuant to RCW 18.340.020. The permit would allow the person to work in the full scope of the profession for up to 180 days pending the issuance of a permanent license.

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 18.71.017, RCW 18.130.075

**Statute being implemented:**

Chapter 18.340 RCW

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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

**DATE** 05/11/2017

**NAME** (type or print)  
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Executive Director

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**DATE:** May 11, 2017

**TIME:** 10:06 AM

**WSR 17-11-035**

**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

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 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:  
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)(g)(ii), a SBEIS is not required for proposed rules that adopt, amend, or repeal a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

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

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

Name:  
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No: Please explain: The agency did not complete a cost benefit analysis. The rule is procedural, under RCW 34.05.328(5)(c)(i), that adopts, amends or repeals a filing or related process requirement for making application to an agency for a license or permit.

NEW SECTION

**WAC 246-918-076 How to obtain a temporary practice permit—Military spouse.** A military spouse or state registered domestic partner of a military person may receive a temporary practice permit while completing any specific additional requirements that are not related to training or practice standards for physician assistants.

(1) A temporary practice permit may be issued to an applicant who is a military spouse or state registered domestic partner of a military person and:

(a) Is moving to Washington as a result of the military person's transfer to Washington;

(b) Left employment in another state to accompany the military person to Washington;

(c) Holds an unrestricted, active license in another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards for a physician assistant to those in Washington; and

(d) Is not subject to any pending investigation, charges, or disciplinary action by the regulatory body of the other state or states.

(2) A temporary practice permit grants the individual the full scope of practice for the physician assistant.

(3) A temporary practice permit expires when any one of the following occurs:

(a) The license is granted;

(b) A notice of decision on the application is mailed to the applicant, unless the notice of decision on the application specifically extends the duration of the temporary practice permit; or

(c) One hundred eighty days after the temporary practice permit is issued.

(4) To receive a temporary practice permit, the applicant must:

(a) Submit to the commission the necessary application, fee(s), fingerprint card if required, and documentation for the license;

(b) Attest on the application that the applicant left employment in another state to accompany the military person;

(c) Meet all requirements and qualifications for the license that are specific to the training, education, and practice standards for physician assistants;

(d) Provide verification of having an active unrestricted license in the same profession from another state that has substantially equivalent licensing standards as a physician assistant in Washington;

(e) Submit a copy of the military person's orders and a copy of:

(i) The military-issued identification card showing the military person's information and the applicant's relationship to the military person;

(ii) A marriage license; or

(iii) A state registered domestic partnership; and

(f) Submit a written request for a temporary practice permit.

(5) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Military spouse" means the husband, wife, or registered domestic partner of a military person.

(b) "Military person" means a person serving in the United States armed forces, the United States public health service commissioned corps, or the merchant marine of the United States.