

Public Notification of Public Hearing
For the Department of Health's Fee Rules for
Allopathic Physician Assistants
* CR-102 for WAC 246-919-435 (New)
Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management for
allopathic physicians

Rulemaking

The Medical Quality Assurance Commission (commission) has officially filed a CR-102 with the Office of the Code Reviser on April 5, 2016. The commission had begun rulemaking after the legislature passed chapter 71, Laws of 2014 (Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 2315). This bill requires allopathic physicians (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 commission to define licensed physicians who are exempt from the training. The Washington State Register (WSR) # is 16-08-106.

Rules Hearing

In response to the filing, the commission will conduct an open public rules hearing on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, beginning at 1:00 pm, at the:

Capital Event Center (ESD 113)
Cowlitz Room
6005 Tye Drive SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

This meeting will be open to the public and the commission encourages your attendance.

You may submit hard copies of your comments, provide verbal comments in person, or both. If you would like to provide verbal comments, you will need to indicate so on the sign in sheet at the hearing. The audio of the hearing will be recorded for record keeping purposes. Comments may also be sent electronically

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to the Department of Health's Rules Comment Web Site at <https://fortress.wa.gov/doh/policyreview/> by May 4, 2016.

For continued updates on other commission rule development, interested parties are encouraged to join the [Commission's rules listserv](#).

For more information, please contact Daidria Pittman, Program Manager, Medical Quality Assurance Commission at (360) 236-2727 or by email at daidria.pittman@doh.wa.gov.

Attachment: CR-102

* CR means Code Reviser



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Health- Medical Quality Assurance Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-21-030 ; 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 246-919-435 (New) Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management for allopathic physicians.

Hearing location(s): Capital Event Center (ESD 113)
Cowlitz Room
6005 Tye Drive SW
Tumwater, WA 98512

Date: 05/11/2016

Time: 1:00 PM

Submit written comments to:

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fax (360) 236-4626 by (date) 05/04/2016

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Daidria Pittman by 05/06/2016

TTY (800) 833-6388 or () 711

Date of intended adoption: 05/11/2016

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

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

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Reasons supporting proposal:

The proposed rules implement suicide prevention training as required in ESHB 2315 as well as ESHB 1424. It is the legislative intent that these rules will help lower the suicide rate in Washington by requiring allopathic physicians to complete training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management as part of their continuing education requirements.

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 April 5, 2016

NAME (type or print)
Melanie de Leon

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Executive Director

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: April 05, 2016

TIME: 11:58 AM

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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

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 RCW 34.05.310(4)(d), a SBEIS is not required for proposed rules that only clarify the language of a rule without changing its effect.

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 246-919-435 Training in suicide assessment, treatment, and management. (1) A licensed physician, other than a resident holding a limited license issued under RCW 18.71.095(3), 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. 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 246-919-460.

(6) The commission may exempt a licensed physician from the training requirements of this section if the physician has only brief or limited patient contact, or no patient contact. Brief or limited patient contact or no patient contact means the physician:

(a) Engages exclusively in analysis and interpretation of laboratory or imaging studies that do not require direct patient interaction;

(b) Engages exclusively in research or administrative activities that do not involve direct patient interaction; or

(c) Is not engaged in the direct delivery of patient care.