



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Department plans to amend or create new sections in chapter 388-96 WAC as may be required to adopt rules regarding ventilator/tracheostomy clients in nursing facilities.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.46.800(1)

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Department is considering adopting rules regarding ventilator/tracheostomy clients in nursing facilities to allow the Department to establish a methodology for ventilator and tracheostomy payments for nursing facility clients.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** None

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.) Contact: Elizabeth Pashley

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