



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: The department is considering amending WAC 388-97-1260, Physician services, and other related rules as may be required to identify the period of time that portions of the rule was held in suspension during the declared emergency of COVID-19 per Proclamation by the Governor 20-05.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.42.620

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This rule making is necessary to establish a timeframe when the portions of the rules were suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic, and nursing homes were not required to comply with the suspended portions of the rules.

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) The department will use a collaborative rule-making process to develop and receive comments on draft rules. Draft material and information about how to participate in the rule-making process may be obtained from the department representative listed below.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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