



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** During the 2017 legislative session, House Bill 1548 was codified as RCW 74.39A.080, resulting in the department considering adding a new chapter 388-112B relating to curricula for persons in long-term care facilities with behavioral health needs. The department may amend other related rules as required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.08.090 and 74.39A.078

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The legislature directed the Department of Social and Health Services to adopt rules to establish minimum competencies and standards for the approval of curricula for facility-based caregivers serving persons with behavioral health needs and geriatric behavioral health workers. The curricula must include at least 30 hours of training specific to the diagnosis, care, and crisis management of residents with a mental health disorder, traumatic brain injury, or dementia. The curricula must be outcome-based, and the effectiveness measured by demonstrated competency in the core specialty areas through the use of a competency test.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** N/A

**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 rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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