



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is planning to amend WAC 388-60B-0015, "What definitions apply to this chapter?", 388-60B-0025, "What is the purpose of this chapter?", 388-60B-0120, "Facility requirements—What facility requirements must a program meet for the space where domestic violence intervention assessments or treatment services are provided?", 388-60B-0125, "Quality management—What are the minimum treatment outcomes for participants and how must a program measure staff and treatment effectiveness?", 388-60B-0315, "Group treatment—What standards must programs follow regarding the provision of group treatment?", 388-60B-0325, "Victim safety—What steps must programs take in order to help increase victim safety?", 388-60B-0345, "Participant requirements-What must the program require of participants accepted into a domestic violence intervention treatment program?", and 388-60B-0500, "On-site reviews and plans of correction—How does the department review certified programs for compliance with the regulations of this chapter?", and other rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 43.20A.735

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Planned amendments will allow domestic violence intervention treatment (DVIT) programs to provide services via HIPAA compliant video sessions, when certain standards are met. This filing is in response to a rule-making petition received from a consortium of DVIT providers seeking to preserve the ability to provide treatment through virtual platforms, which began during pandemic-related shutdowns. If applicable, these amendments will make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

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

**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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