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 Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The department is amending WAC 388-823-0500 to expand the list of professionals from whom the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) accepts a diagnosis of autism. These amendments add licensed physicians associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence, as well as ARNPs associated with a center of excellence.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 388-823-0500
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 71A.16.020

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 19-16-132 on August 6, 2019 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___

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WAC 388-823-0500 How do I show that I have autism as an eligible condition? ~~((In order))~~ To be considered for eligibility under the condition of autism you must be age four or older and have a diagnosis by a qualified professional which meets the conditions in subsection (1) or (2) of this section, as well as subsections (3), (4), and (5) of this section:

(1) Autistic disorder 299.00 per the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fourth edition, text revision (DSM-IV-TR) ~~((r))~~; or

(2) Autism spectrum disorder 299.00 per the diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders, fifth edition (DSM-5), with a severity level of 2 or 3 in both columns of the severity level scale.

(3) The condition is expected to continue indefinitely with evidence of onset before age three.

(4) An acceptable diagnostic report includes documentation of all diagnostic criteria specified in the DSM-IV-TR or DSM-5.

(5) DDA will accept a diagnosis from any of the following professionals:

(a) Board certified neurologist;

(b) Board certified psychiatrist;

(c) Licensed psychologist;

(d) Advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) associated with an autism center ~~((e))~~, developmental center, or center of excellence;

(e) Licensed physician associated with an autism center, developmental center, or center of excellence; or

~~((e))~~ (f) Board certified developmental and behavioral pediatrician.