



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 296-23-220 physical therapy rules, WAC 296-23-230 occupational therapy rules, WAC 296-23-250 massage therapy rules

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 51.04.020. RCW 51.04.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: This rulemaking is being initiated in response to a petition to amend WAC 296-23-220 to allow physician assistants to order physical therapy for the attending doctor. WAC 296-23-220, WAC 296-23-230 and WAC 296-23-250 will be amended to allow physician assistants to order physical therapy, occupational therapy and massage therapy for the attending doctor.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Washington workers' compensation benefits as well as the benefits paid to victims of crimes are both governed by Title 51 RCW, Washington's Industrial Insurance Act. There are no other state or federal agencies responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of this Act.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) Parties interested in participating in the development of these rules may contact the person listed below. The public may also participate by providing written comments during the comment period or giving oral testimony at public hearings. The rule will be developed in consultation with major stakeholders and the following interested parties:

Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee
Washington State Medical Association
Washington Academy of Physician Assistants

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.)

Interested parties may participate by contacting Jami Lifka by

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