



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 07-19-082; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information:

Industrial Insurance, WAC 296-20-1101 Hearing aids and masking devices

Hearing location(s):

Department of Labor and Industries
7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater WA 98501

Date: Dec 13, 2007 Time: 9:00 AM

Submit written comments to:

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Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

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Date of intended adoption: 1/19/2008

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The proposed changes will amend the above mentioned WACs to make the changes identified in this section.

The proposed revision will add language to the current rule regarding the current linear analog hearing aid replacement policy that became effective September 17, 2007. The purpose of this rulemaking is to ensure uniform compliance with the current linear analog hearing aid replacement policy.

Reasons supporting proposal: This proposal will illustrate the intent to ensure the current linear analog hearing aid replacement policy is complied with uniformly. The proposal also illustrates the efforts to improve the hearing capabilities of injured workers who have been issued linear analog hearing aids through their hearing loss claims.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 51.04.020, RCW 51.36.080, RCW 7.68.030, RCW 7.68.080

Statute being implemented:

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
 - Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 - State Court Decision? Yes No
- If yes, CITATION:

DATE
November 6, 2007

NAME (type or print)
Judy Schurke

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Director

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

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- Private
 Public
 Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

These rules relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party, and per RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(ii) is exempt from the SBEIS requirement.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No: These rules relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party, and per RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(ii) is exempt from the CBA requirement.