



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: Considering psychiatric Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners (ARNPs) as providers of psychiatric services

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: The department is looking into this issue in response to a petition to change WAC 296-21-270. The petitioner requested that ARNPs specializing in psychiatry be allowed to treat injured workers under Title 51 RCW. Currently WAC 296-21-270 limits psychiatric services for injured workers to psychiatrists and psychologists.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No other federal or state agencies regulate the Industrial Insurance Act in Washington State.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) The department will work with major stakeholders, including the petitioner.

Parties interested in these rules may contact the individual listed below. The public may also participate by commenting after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication: Contact

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