



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 10-01-083 ; or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Notice |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4). | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR _____ |

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) Chapter 296-15 WAC, Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Rules and Regulations, governs employers who are permitted to self-insure their workers' compensation obligations pursuant to Title 51 RCW. This filing modifies WAC 296-15-360, Qualifications of Personnel, which governs how an individual becomes a certified claims administrator, as well as how they maintain that status. The rule currently requires that certified claims administrators choosing to renew via continuing education earn a total of 75 credits, including a minimum number of credits in five different categories. The modification reduces the number of categories to three without reducing the total number of credits required.

Hearing location(s):
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Date: December 13, 2011 Time: 8:30 am

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Date of intended adoption: January 17, 2012

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The rule currently requires that a department-approved claims administrator choosing to renew their status via continuing education earn a total of 75 credits, including a minimum number of credits in five different categories. This rulemaking reduces the number of credit categories to three, simplifying the continuing education requirements. Department-approved claims administrators will still need to earn 75 credits.

Reasons supporting proposal:

This rulemaking was requested and is supported by the Washington Self-Insurers Association whose members' claims administrators must comply with these rules.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 51.04.020, 51.14.030

Statute being implemented: RCW 51.14.030

Is rule necessary because of a:

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| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
- If yes, CITATION:

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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) Washington Self-Insurers Association

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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:

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No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

As discussed in the cost-benefit analysis of this rulemaking, these proposed rule changes will not impose more than minor costs on the affected businesses, so a small business economic impact statement is not needed for this rulemaking per RCW 19.85.030 (1).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

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

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No: Please explain: