



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

**CR-105 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.353)  
**EXPEDITED RULE MAKING ONLY**

**Agency:** Labor and Industries

**Title of rule and other identifying information:**

WAC 296-31-030 What are the eligibility requirements of a mental health treatment provider under the Crime Victims Act?

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

The Department of Labor and Industries' WAC 296-31-030 (2) and (3) refer to the "registered" counselor profession. The purpose of this rulemaking is to remove the "registered" counselor from the list of professions eligible to treat under the Crime Victims Act.

Second Substitute House Bill 2674 (Chapter 135, Laws of 2008) required the Department of Health to eliminate the "registered" counselor credential as a licensed profession by July 1, 2010. The registered counselor profession was divided into eight new categories of fully credentialed and pre-credential status health professionals.

The Department of Health stopped issuing licenses for registered counselors on July 1, 2009. By amending WAC 296-31-030, the Department of Labor and Industries' Crime Victims Compensation Program will ensure consistency with the licensing requirements of the Department of Health.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** To be consistent with the Department of Health and in compliance with Chapter 135, Laws of 2008.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 7.68.030

**Statute being implemented:**

**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 |

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