



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Labor & Industries

Subject of possible rule making:

Chapter 296-31 WAC, Crime Victims Compensation Mental Health Treatment Rules and Fees
Chapter 296-33 WAC, Attendant Services

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 7.68.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

This rulemaking will amend eight and repeal nine rules under Chapter 296-31 WAC. The purpose is to be consistent with Substitute Senate Bill 5691 (Chapter 346, Laws of 2011). The amendments will include the removal of references to Title 51 RCW and WACs being repealed, explain the impacts of the new benefit maximum, add clarity, and correct references to the billing guidelines. The amendments will also streamline the reporting process for mental health providers. The repealed WACs are repetitive with rules contained in Chapter 296-30 WAC regarding provider responsibilities. The independent mental health or independent medical evaluations are no longer considered separate from regular medical exams and the rule under WAC 296-31-069 is redundant.

Chapter 296-33 WAC will be revised to improve quality of care and public safety to victims. It will also increase the efficiency of staff time and will eliminate the uncertainty of employer/employee relationships between the program and care providers.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

None

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Public Hearing

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 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. A public hearing will be held after the proposal is filed.

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