



# 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 296-15 WAC Workers' Compensation Self-Insurance Rules and Regulations  
Chapter 296-20 WAC Medical Aid Rules

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 51.04.020 and RCW 51.04.030.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) is considering adopting rules related to the use of medications to ensure safe, appropriate and effective drug therapy designed to improve health outcomes for injured workers.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** Washington workers' compensation benefits are governed by Title 51 RCW, Washington's Industrial Insurance Act. No other state or federal agencies are responsible for interpreting and enforcing the provisions of this Act.

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

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

This rule will be developed in consultation with L&I's major stakeholders and other interested parties. Major stakeholder groups include, but are not limited to:

- The Industrial Insurance Medical Advisory Committee (IIMAC)
- The Workers' Compensation Advisory Committee (WCAC)

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

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