



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

**Agency:** L&I

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 296-20-125 Billing Procedures; WAC 296-20-01002 Definitions; WAC 296-20-025 Initiating Treatment and Submitting a Claim for Benefits; WAC 296-20-03001 Treatment requiring authorization; WAC 296-20-06101 What Reports are Health Care Providers Required to Submit to the Insurer?

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, and 51.36.080

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The rules changes are needed to ensure the agency is current in its use of the federally adopted diagnosis code set. Though L&I is not required to make these changes, the agency is doing so to decrease administrative burden on the provider community if and when the federal government adopts a new code set. If L&I does not make the change, providers would need to maintain dual billing systems to accommodate the outdated L&I billing model while they adhere to the federally adopted, industry standard code set used by other payers.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** Washington workers' compensation is 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 process was developed by L&I staff to ensure the agency is current in its use of the federally adopted diagnosis code set.

**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.)

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