



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-916 WAC Athletic Trainers. The Department of Health (department) is considering creating a new definition rules section for licensed athletic trainers.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.250.020 and RCW 18.250.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The department and the Athletic Training Advisory Committee are considering the addition of a new definition section to the athletic training rules. Having definitions listed in rule is necessary to implement and based on our authority in RCW 18.250.020, the department is considering rules to clarify expectations for licensed athletic trainers. The department is considering definitions for medical diagnosis, clinical diagnosis, and any other definition that might be needed. This is necessary because the current laws restrict athletic trainers from performing medical diagnosis (RCW 18.250.010(4)(b)(v)), however the laws do not provide a definition for medical diagnosis. The goal of these rules is to clarify the difference between medical diagnosis and clinical diagnosis for these healthcare providers. Clarifying terminology in rule helps clarify practice standards while ensuring patient safety.

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) Collaborative rule making

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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Additional comments: Interested parties can participate in the drafting of the proposed rules. The department will be conducting rules workshops with interested parties and subject matter experts. The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on

proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rulemaking, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Subscribe" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next click open the box labeled "Health Professions" and then click on "Athletic Training" You may also check the box next to one or more of the other professions listed to received information related to that specific profession.

Date: March 21, 2023

Name: Kristin Peterson, JD for Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH

Title: Chief of Policy for Secretary of Health

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kristin Peterson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and 'P'.