

## RULEMAKING WORKSHOP #1 – Emergency Obstetric Care

### Meeting Notes

<b>Location</b>	Zoom <a href="#">Webinar Registration - Zoom</a>
<b>Date</b>	July 8, 2025
<b>Time</b>	12 PM-1 PM
<b>Meeting Topic</b>	Emergency OB Rulemaking
<b>Note Taker</b>	Kristina Buckley

Agenda Item	Notes
<b>AGENDA</b>	<p>Agenda Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Land and Labor Acknowledgement</li> <li>• Meeting Etiquette</li> <li>• Tips for Successful Workshop</li> <li>• Rulemaking Overview</li> <li>• Drafted Rule Language</li> <li>• Next Steps</li> </ul>
<b>RULEMAKING OVERVIEW</b>	<p>Overview of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scope of the rulemaking is acute hospital at emergency obstetric services</li> <li>• Background of the service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ January 13, 2025, emergency rule filed</li> <li>○ April 30, 2025, ESSB5557 signed into law</li> <li>○ May 12, 2025, emergency rule filed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three (3) rulemaking workshops anticipated, and they will be progressive</li> <li>• Notes will be taken and posted on the Rules in Progress webpage</li> <li>• File CR102 (September 2025) and Public Hearing (October 2025)</li> <li>• File CR103 (November 2025)</li> </ul>
<b>DRAFTED RULEMAKING LANGUAGE</b>	<p><a href="#">Link to the law</a></p> <p>Changes to WAC 246-320-281:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency Services (Transfer of a patient language)</li> </ul> <p>Changes to WAC 246-320-010:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Language added for definition “Emergency medical condition” to bring the WAC into alignment with legislation that was passed in April of 2025.</li> </ul> <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the current language being reviewed today on the Department of Health’s current rules in progress webpage? And if it will be shared for review and feedback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It is not but will be shared via email</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Review language referencing to citation 70.41.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The citation is language referenced to RCW 70.41.020 new definition of “emergency medical conditions” and can be located on page nine (9) of the bill.</li> <li>• Would like to clarify that the drafted rule language is amending one section of the WAC? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Other changes made to the definitions (incorporated the new definition of “emergency medical condition” into the rule language.)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Does the WAC format for “emergency medical condition” differ than what is in statute? And can the current drafted WAC format potentially influence how the content is interpreted? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DOH will follow up at the next rulemaking meeting.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is the language in Section nine (9) the same as the current emergency rules? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Yes.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Would like to clarify if this is a placeholder or waiting for additional feedback? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A little bit of both. It adds in definitions, provides clarity of an “unborn child, “ and requirements to follow the current EMTALA legislation that is subsided in the section. DOH is looking to see if this section will remain how it is or change and is looking for feedback from attendees and other partners.</li> <li>○ <a href="#">Link to most recent language</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
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Next steps	Assignment	Deadline
Send via email: meeting notes, link to register for the next rulemaking meeting, link to webpage resources, and language (with formatting updates.)	DOH	Before the next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting notes and drafted rule language out by the end of the week 7.11.2025</li> </ul>
Provide an update on the WAC formatting	DOH	At the next meeting