

Rulemaking Workshop #2 – Emergency Obstetric Care

Meeting Notes

Location	Zoom Webinar Registration - Zoom
Date	July 22, 2025
Time	12 PM-1 PM
Meeting Topic	Emergency OB Rulemaking
Note Taker	Kristina Buckley

Agenda Item	Notes
Agenda	<p>Agenda Details:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Land and Labor Acknowledgement • Meeting Etiquette • Tips for Successful Workshop • Overview of the Project • Drafted Rule Language • Next Steps
Rulemaking Overview	<p>Overview of the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The scope of the rulemaking is acute hospital at emergency obstetric services • Background of the service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January 13, 2025, emergency rule filed ○ April 30, 2025, ESSB5557 signed into law ○ May 12, 2025, emergency rule filed • Three (3) rulemaking workshops anticipated, and they will be progressive • Notes will be taken and posted on the Rules in Progress webpage • File CR102 (September 2025) and Public Hearing (October 2025) • File CR103 (November 2025)
Drafted Rulemaking Language	<p>Links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bill 5557 • WAC 246-320-281- Emergency Service • WAC 246-320-010- Definitions <p>Changes to WAC 246-320-281- Emergency Services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (1) Transfer of a patient with an emergency medical condition or who is in active labor based on... • Formatting update (24 to twenty-four) • (5) Assure at least one registered nurse skilled and trained in delivering emergency care services... • Addition of Sec. 1395dd <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does DOH have a definition for “treating” that will be used.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 246-320-010 (68) • Why the cross reference to Sec.1395dd if the rule has stronger language than EMTALA? Could the first sentence be removed as hospitals are already required to comply with EMTALA? <p>Changes to WAC 246-320-010- Definitions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Emergency medical condition” to have the same meaning as in RCW 70.41.020 (Bill 5557- page 8) <p>Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None

Next steps	Assignment	Deadline
Follow-up regarding the reference to Sec. 1395dd.	DOH	At the next meeting
Meeting notes will be sent out via email	DOH	By the end of the week 7.25.2025
Next meeting will be held via ZOOM on August 5, 2025, from 12-1 PM	N/A	N/A