



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-824-010 Definitions. The Department of Health is considering amending the dispensing optician rules to add "Personal Supervision" to the definitions.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.040, Chapter 18.34 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The dispensing optician statute, RCW 18.34.010(1) contains an exemption allowing an unlicensed individual to work in the same way as a dispensing optician as long as they are under the personal supervision of a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. The term "personal supervision" is not defined in statute or in the Dispensing Opticians definitions in chapter 246-824 WAC, making the meaning unclear. Defining personal supervision will provide clarity regarding the extent of supervision required to allow unlicensed individuals to practice as a dispensing optician.

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

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.)

Stakeholders will be notified and invited to participate in an open public rules workshop and may submit written comments for consideration. Stakeholders will be notified via listserv and posting to the Department of Health website. Contact: Debra Mendoza, Program Manager, Department of Health, Dispensing Optician Program, PO Box 47852, Olympia, WA 98504-7852. Email: Debra.Mendoza@doh.wa.gov. Phone: 360-236-4841 or Fax 360-236-2901.

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