

Applicant Report Outline/Instructions Proposal to Increase Scope of Practice

Proposals to increase a profession's scope of practice must demonstrate they benefit the public by:

- Protecting the public from harm;
 - Providing assurance of sufficient education, training, and professional ability to perform the scope of practice;
 - Demonstrating the proposal is the most cost-beneficial option to protect the public.
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The following outline and instructions will assist you in preparing your applicant report.

- Provide quantitative evidence, if available, from studies or other sources (with citations) to support your assertions.
- Provide enough detail to fully support your claims.
- Provide citations to specific portions of educational curricula, rather than attaching the entire curricula.

Provide the following information on your cover sheet.

- Legislative proposal being reviewed under the sunrise process (include bill number if available):
- Name and title of profession for which the applicant seeks to change scope of practice:
- Approximate number of individuals practicing in Washington:
- Information about applicant's organization:
 - Organization name
 - Contact person:
 - Address:
 - Telephone number:
 - Email address:
 - Number of members in the organization:
- Name(s) and address(es) of national organization(s) with which the state organization is affiliated and number of members in the organization:
- Name(s) of other state or national organizations representing the profession:
- List states where this profession includes this expanded scope of practice:

Factors to Address

Address the following (refer to RCW 18.120.030 for more details):

1. Define the problem and why the change in regulation is necessary (refer to RCW 18.120.030(1)).
2. Explain how the proposal addresses the problem and benefits the public (refer to RCW 18.120.030(4)).
3. What is the minimum level of education and training necessary to perform the new skill or service based on objective criteria?
4. Explain how the proposal ensures practitioners can safely perform the new skill or service (refer to RCW 18.120.030(1) and (4)).
5. Explain how the current education and training for the health profession adequately prepares practitioners to perform the new skill or service (refer to RCW 18.120.030(4)). Address the nature and duration of the education, training, and continuing education, including Washington curricula and accredited/approved out-of-state programs. Be specific on course content and credits/length applicable to the proposal
6. Is an increase in education and training necessary? If so, are the approved educational institutions prepared to incorporate the increase?
7. How does the proposal ensure that only qualified practitioners are authorized to perform the expanded scope of practice?
8. If there are other factors in RCW 18.120.030 relevant to the proposal, please address them in detail.