



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 246-817-701 through 790, Administration of anesthetic agents for dental procedures. The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering amendments to update general requirements. In addition to general updates, the commission is also considering amendments to address 24 hour on-call availability after a complex dental procedure, on-site inspections for all dentists holding sedation permits, and creation of a pediatric sedation endorsement.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, and 18.32.640

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The current rules have had several recent modifications and a complete review is necessary. Creating a pediatric sedation endorsement may be needed to provide safeguards for the unique sedation needs of pediatric patients. Stakeholders have expressed concern with lack of 24 hour on-call availability after complex dental procedures. Current rule requires 24 hour on-call availability only when anesthesia is used, there are complex dental procedures that do not involve anesthesia. On-site inspections for dentists holding sedation permits may be necessary to correct who can perform these inspections. There may be instances where an inspection will need to be completed by someone not permitted at the same level as required in current rule.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

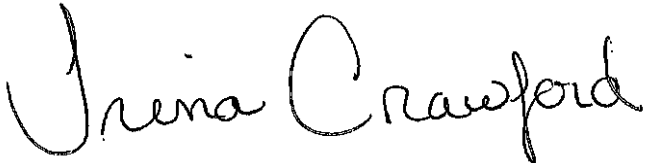
Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- 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 stakeholders may sign up for the commission's interested parties list at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. All rule making notices will be emailed to the dental commission's interested parties list (dental govdelivery) and appropriate state associations. Rule drafting will take place in open p/ublic meetings where comments will be accepted verbally and in writing.

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