



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Department of Health- Dental Quality Assurance Commission

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-817-195 Licensure requirements for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDA). The Dental Quality Assurance Commission (commission) is considering rule amendments to remove the current requirement for expanded function dental auxiliaries (EFDA) to place and finish amalgam restoration on clinical patients as part of their education in order to be licensed.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 18.32.002, 18.260.050 and 18.260.120

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Current commission approved EFDA education program curriculum under WAC 246-817-195 (4)(a)(ii) must include placing and finishing amalgam restoration on clinical patients. The commission discussed the difficulty for EFDA students to locate dentists whom routinely place amalgam to meet this requirement. Composite restorations are more common in dentistry although amalgam is still used in dentistry.

**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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