



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Department of Health

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 246-976 WAC, Emergency medical services (EMS) and trauma care systems. The Department of Health (department) is considering updating existing sections of this chapter relating to EMS data to respond to requirements under Substitute Senate Bill 5380 (chapter 314, Laws of 2019, section 19). New sections may be created as needed.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 43.70.040, RCW 18.73.081, and Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5380 (chapter 314 Laws of 2019 section 19) codified in RCW 70.168.090

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Updates to existing sections of chapter 246-976 WAC and the establishment of new sections may be needed to align existing ambulance and aid service requirements with RCW 70.168.090, as revised under SSB 5380. RCW 70.168.090 now requires licensed ambulance and aid services to report patient data electronically to the department and allow for certain data sharing for the purpose of substance abuse treatment. It is anticipated that amendments to existing EMS data rules and new sections may need to be created to ensure clear and concise data submission standards and to produce quality, usable data for improving standards of care and best practice for the benefit and safety of the public.

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 rulemaking


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 parties may participate in the development of draft rules prior to a formal proposal by joining the interested parties list (GovDelivery) at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>, and may provide input on draft and proposed materials. Interested parties may receive information on how to participate by contacting Jim Jansen, Washington Emergency Medical Services Information System (WEMSIS) Manager, at Department of Health, PO Box 47853, Olympia, WA 98504-7853, Phone 360-236-28421, Fax: 360-236-2830, Email: jim.jansen@doh.wa.gov

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