Public Notification and Rules Workshop Meeting Announcement

For the Hospital Charity Care Regulations

CR-101 for Chapter 246-453WAC

Rulemaking

The Department of Health’s (department) Office of Community Health Systems has officially filed a CR-101 with the Office of the Code Reviser on August 31, 2018, WSR# 18-18-073, to open chapter 246-453 WAC—Hospital Charity Care. (See attachment.)

The department is considering amending chapter 246-453 WAC to comply with Substitute House Bill (SHB) 6273 that was enacted by the 2018 Washington State Legislature. SHB 6273 adds several definitions to RCW 70.170.020 that modify or replace definitions currently in chapter 246-453 WAC. SHB 6273 also amends RCW 70.170.060 to create new opportunities for patients to apply for charity care that are not currently addressed in chapter 246-453 WAC. To be compliant with SHB 6273, the rules need to be revised.

Charity Care Rules Workshop Meeting

In response to SHB 6273, the department has scheduled a rules workshop meeting that is open to the public on Monday, October 29, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at the Department of Health’s Town Center 2 Bldg., Conference Room 158. The rules workshop will also be available via web conferencing. Web Conferencing information will be shared via [GovDelivery](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new) prior to the meeting date.

The purpose of the rules workshop will be to:

* Discuss the current requirements under chapter 246-453 WAC;
* Explain the state’s rulemaking process and timeline;
* Invite stakeholders and members of the public to ask questions about the proposal and comment process;
* Provide dates, times, and locations of proposed rules meetings and workshops to be scheduled in 2018/2019.
* Discuss draft changes to the charity care rules

Interested parties, stakeholders, and the general public are invited to participate in the rules workshop and webinar.

For more information, please contact Randy Huyck, Hospital Charity Care and Financial Data Manager, at (360) 236-4210 or by email: randall.huyck@doh.wa.gov.

Also you can find more information at our webpage: <https://www.doh.wa.gov/DataandStatisticalReports/HealthcareinWashington/HospitalandPatientData/HospitalPatientInformationandCharityCare>

Attachment: (CR101)