



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Department of Health

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 246-310-715 - General requirements, WAC 246-310-720 - Hospital volume standards, WAC 246-310-725 - Physician volume standards, and WAC 246-310-745 - Need forecasting methodology. The Department of Health (department) is considering reducing institutional and individual volume standards for safe and effective elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) based on recent research.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 70.38.115 and RCW 70.38.128

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department is considering the issues identified in two rulemaking petitions that would update volume standards for institutions and practitioners performing elective PCI. The department is considering amending rules limited to: changes in volume standards for institutions and practitioners performing elective PCI; bringing volume standards in alignment with national industry standards and recent research that may increase access to services; and the evaluation of elective PCI CoN applications absent numeric need.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**  
Does not apply.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**  
 Negotiated rule making  
 Pilot rule making  
 Agency study  
 Other (describe) Collaborative rule making.

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**  
(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)  
Interested parties may participate in the development of draft rules prior to a formal proposal by joining the Certificate of Need ListServ, attending workshops, or providing input on draft materials. Interested parties can receive information on how to participate in rulemaking by contacting Katherine Hoffman, Policy Analyst, Department of Health - Health Systems Quality Assurance, Certificate of Need, P.O. Box 47852, 111 Israel Road SE, Olympia, WA 98504-7852 or by email to Katherine.Hoffman@doh.wa.gov, telephone 360-236-2979, or by fax 360-236-2321.

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