



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Department of Labor and Industries

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 11-03-067 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)
Medical Aid Rules – Conversion Factors: WAC 296-20-135

Hearing location(s):
Department of Labor & Industries, Room S117
7273 Linderson Way SW
Tumwater, WA 98501

Date: April 26, 2011 Time: 1:00 PM

Submit written comments to:
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Tom Davis by April 15, 2011
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Date of intended adoption: May 24, 2011
(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
The purpose of the rule is to update the department's payment rates for health care services by:
1) Changing the conversion factor used to calculate payment levels for services payable through the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) fee schedule.

WAC 296-20-135(2): Change the RBRVS conversion factor from \$60.78 to \$55.34.

Reasons supporting proposal: This rule will provide budget neutral medical aid updates regarding rate setting for most professional health care services for injured workers.

Statutory authority for adoption:
RCWs 51.04.020 (1) and 51.04.030

Statute being implemented:
RCW 51.36.080

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE
March 23, 2011

NAME (type or print)
Judy Schurke

SIGNATURE

TITLE Director

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DATE: March 23, 2011

TIME: 8:04 AM

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

- 1) Change the conversion factor used to calculate maximum payment for services paid with the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) fee schedule.
- 2) Failure to adjust the conversion factor would result in an estimated increase in RBRVS payments of \$19.4 million.

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

Department of Labor and Industries

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Drafting..... Tom Davis	Tumwater, WA	(360) 902-6687
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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

This rule adoption is exempt under RCW 34.05.328 (5) (b) (vi) and RCW 19.85.025 (3).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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No: Please explain:

RCW 34.05.328 does not apply because the content of this rule is explicitly dictated by statute and fits within the exceptions listed in RCW 34.05.328 (5) (b) (vi).