



Participation encouraged as Enterprise Services updates new public-benefit hospital self-insurance program rules

The Washington State Department of Enterprise Services (DES) will be proposing a new risk management rule chapter.

Rulemaking is needed to implement the rulemaking requirements of [Senate Bill 5581](#) governing public benefit hospital self-insurance programs.

We anticipate the new proposed rules will largely reflect similar risk management rules, and any other changes will be to address situations unique to public benefit hospital self-insurance programs. We anticipate solvency regulations and reserve requirements will stay the same as similar rules, and the rulemaking will not change fee structures or rates.

Rulemaking Approach

Enterprise Services will hold work sessions with interested stakeholders. During these work sessions, Enterprise Services and stakeholders will collaborate and jointly develop rules. As a starting point, Enterprise Services has developed a preliminary draft rules document for discussion purposes, which we expect will be modified during our conversations.

The outcome of the work sessions will be proposed rules that will be submitted to the [Office of the Code Reviser](#). This will mark the start of a formal public comment period on the proposed rules.

Before filing the proposed rules with the Office of the Code Reviser, Enterprise Services will share a copy of the draft rules with anyone interested. The rules filed with the Code Reviser will be published in the next [Washington State Register](#).

Rulemaking steps

CR 101: DES has filed a notice with the state Office of the Code Reviser that the agency intends to engage in this rulemaking effort. This first step, [the CR -101](#): Preproposal Statement of Inquiry must be taken before stakeholders can be invited to participate in the agency's rulemaking process.

CR-102: Proposed Rule Making marks the formal beginning of rulemaking.

More information

More information is available on the Enterprise Services [rulemaking web page](#).

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