

Washington State Laws that apply Synopsis

RCW 18.71.011, Definition of practice of medicine.

“A person is practicing medicine if he does one or more of the following:

1. Offers or undertakes to diagnose, cure, advise or prescribe for any human disease....by any means or instrumentality;
2. Administers or prescribes drugs or medicinal preparations...;
3. Severs or penetrates the tissues of human beings;
4. Uses on ...printed means of giving information to the public...the designation “doctor of medicine”, “physician”, “surgeon”, “m.d.”...”

Under **RCW 18.71.030, Exemptions** there are fourteen Exemptions currently listed as law. A few examples of these are: emergency attention, family remedies, schools, dentistry, licensed physician assistants.

RCW 18.120.010 Purpose – Criteria. “(1) Establishes guidelines for the regulation of health professions not licensed or regulated prior to July 24, 1983... The legislature believes that all individuals should be permitted to enter into a health profession unless there is an overwhelming need for the state to protect the interests of the public by restricting entry into the profession. Where such a need is identified, the regulation adopted by the state should be set at the least restrictive level consistent with the public interest to be protected.

- (2) ...A health profession should be regulated by the state only when:
- (a) Unregulated practice can clearly harm or endanger the health, safety, or welfare of the public, and the potential for the harm is easily recognizable and not remote or dependent upon tenuous argument;”

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