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## RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

# CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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WSR 25-12-068

Agency: Office of Financial Management (OFM)

## Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

 $\Box$  31 days after filing.

Other (specify) July 1, 2025 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

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**Purpose:** To align the civil service rules, Title 357 WAC, with the requirements of the law. House Bill 1197 (Chapter 171, Laws of 2023) passed during the 2023 legislative session with an effective date of July 1, 2025, and applies retroactively. Section 7 of this bill amends RCW 51.32.090 to replace all references of a physician or licensed advanced registered nurse practitioner with an attending provider. Section 2 of the bill created RCW 51.08.200 to define an attending provider. RCW 41.06.490(2) requires the OFM Director to adopt rules that "provide for eligibility in the return-to-work program, for a minimum of two years from the date the temporary disability commenced, for any permanent employee who is receiving compensation under RCW 51.32.090 and who is, by reason of his or her temporary disability, unable to return to his or her previous work, but is physically capable of carrying out work of a lighter or modified nature". The amendment to WAC 357-19-530(3) is to reflect gender-neutral pronouns and to replace the reference to "a physician or licensed mental health professional" with "an attending provider as defined in RCW 51.08.200".

## Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: Repealed: Amended: WAC 357-19-530

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.06.150

Other authority: RCW 41.06.490

## PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as <u>WSR 25-08-078</u> on April 1, 2025 (date). Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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