

Summary of Comments
 Chapter 246-680 WAC, Prenatal Tests – Congenital and Heritable Disorders
 Supplemental CR-102
 June 9, 2021

Comment	Staff Recommendation
<p>Commenter requested that the rule not allow for genetic testing</p>	<p>RCW 48.21.244, 48.44.344, and 48.46.375 provides the Board authority to determine standards for coverage of screenings for prenatal diagnosis of congenital and heritable disorders of the fetus. Such screening is done through screening for the presence or absence of certain genes.</p>
<p>Commenter requested the Board review and update this rule on an annual or biennial basis due to the rapidly changing technology in the prenatal screening field.</p>	<p>Regular rule review occurs every five years.</p> <p>Staff Recommendation: Board members should continue future approaches to updating chapter 246-680 WAC, including the possibility of using a defined set of criteria for assessing inclusion of certain tests.</p>
<p>Commenter noted that the requirement to schedule an appointment for postprocedure counseling may be burdensome and result in barriers to accessing care.</p>	<p>Staff Recommendation: Amend WAC 246-680-020(2)(g)(ii), for cell-free DNA testing, to not require a scheduled appointment, but maintain intent in that there is transparency in how counseling will be provided:</p> <p>(ii) There is documentation of a scheduled appointment for how postprocedure genetic counseling will be provided; and</p>