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## Concise Explanatory Statement Health Care Workers

### Introduction

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.325(6), the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby provides the Department's reasons for adopting the rules, a description of the variances between the proposed rules and the adopted rules, and a summary of comments received regarding the proposed rules and responses to the comments.

### Reasons for adopting the rule

The rules clarify that, during a public health emergency, benefits for claimants terminated from work due to entering quarantine because of an exposure to or contracting the disease that is the subject of the declaration of the public health emergency will be charged 100 percent to the claimant's last employer if: (a) the employer is a base-period employer; (b) the employer is a contribution-paying employer; (c) the employer is a health care facility as defined in RCW 9A.50.010; and (d) the claimant was directly involved in the delivery of health services. Additionally, the rules clarify that during the weeks of a declared public health emergency, an unemployed health care worker described in RCW 50.20.050(3) and RCW 50.29.021(1)(c)(iii) is considered available for work while isolated or under quarantine as directed by a medical professional, local health official, or the Secretary of Health, if the individual is available for work that will commence after the isolation or quarantine period ends; or which can be performed for an employer from the individual's home.

### Variance between proposed rule and final rule

There is no variance between the proposed rules and the adopted rules.

### Summary of comments to proposed rules and agency response

No comments were received.

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