

WSR 24-24-004
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARDS BOARD

[Filed November 21, 2024, 9:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 181-82A-204, endorsement policy.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 28A.410 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Update policy for adding endorsements for candidates from out of state.

Process for Developing New Rule: Agency study.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michael Nguyen, 600 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-489-4471, email rulespesb@k12.wa.us, website www.pesb.wa.gov.

November 21, 2024
Michael Nguyen
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-011
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
(Board of Nursing)
[Filed November 21, 2024, 5:47 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Registered nurse (RN) and licensed practical nurse (LPN) licensing and continuing competency rules. The Washington state board of nursing (board) is considering amendments to WAC 246-840-015 through 246-840-260 to clarify and update outdated language, rewrite and reformat existing rules to reflect current best practices, and restructure sections as necessary, as part of the board's five-year formal rule review process in accordance with RCW 43.70.041. The board is conducting this review in a phased approach. This rule making is phase 1 of the board's formal review process. The board will consider additional topics to reduce barriers and simplify regulations for multistate licensure applicants, reduce barriers for applicants educated outside the United States, and explore limiting NCLEX attempts before remediation. The board also plans to address impacts from upcoming proposals from bills passed in the 2025 legislative session during this phase.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.79.010 and 18.79.110.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: RCW 43.70.041 requires the board to have a formal review process of its existing rules to simplify, improve, and streamline rules pertaining to nursing at least once every five years. As part of this review process, the board is considering amendments to RN and LPN licensing and continuing competency rules.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jessilyn Dagum, P.O. Box 47864, Olympia, WA 98504-7864, phone 360-236-3538, fax 360-236-4738, TTY 711, email WABONRules@doh.wa.gov, website www.nursing.wa.gov.

Additional comments: The board will notify interested parties of rule making by posting information on the department of health website, the board website, and by use of GovDelivery. Interested parties may sign up to receive board rule-making notices at <https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOH/subscriber/new>. The board will hold virtual meetings at varying times to encourage participation

November 21, 2024
Alison Bradywood DNP, MN/MPH, RN, NEA-BC
Executive Director
Board of Nursing

**WSR 24-24-017
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
FISH AND WILDLIFE**

[Filed November 22, 2024, 11:34 a.m.]

The Washington department of fish and wildlife (department) is withdrawing its preproposal statement of inquiry (CR-101) for public records rules under WSR 24-20-118, filed on October 1, 2024. The department intends to file an expedited rule making (CR-105) for the same rule project after submitting this withdrawal.

Scott Bird
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-018
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
SECRETARY OF STATE

[Filed November 22, 2024, 12:01 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Elections.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:
RCW 29A.04.611.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SB 5843 (2024) added a provision to RCW 29A.60.200 stating that the secretary of state may examine a county's election materials and certify the county-level results if the county canvassing board refuses to certify the election without cause. The purpose of this rule making is to create administrative code detailing the procedure in such a situation.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dave Piersma, P.O. Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-4172, fax 360-664-4619, email dave.piersma@sos.wa.gov, website sos.wa.gov/elections; or Victoria Donahue, P.O. Box 40229, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-5788, fax 360-664-4619, email victoria.donahue@sos.wa.gov, website sos.wa.gov/elections.

November 22, 2024
Amanda Doyle
Chief of Staff

WSR 24-24-023
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

[Filed November 22, 2024, 4:05 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Residential treatment facilities (RTF) and private psychiatric hospital regulations as they relate to licensing fees of Indian health care providers as establishments.

The department of health (department) is considering amendments to RTF regulations in WAC 246-337-010 and 246-337-990, along with private psychiatric hospital regulations in WAC 246-322-020 and 246-322-990, to implement SHB 2075 (chapter 204, Laws of 2024). SHB 2075 directs the department to issue RTF and private psychiatric hospital licenses to Indian health care providers by July 1, 2025, if the provider submits a tribal attestation and an attestation processing fee. Updates may include other relevant section amendments to licensing regulations in chapters 246-322 and 246-337 WAC. The department may also consider amending the behavioral health agency (BHA) regulations in WAC 246-341-0367 regarding tribal attestation fees to align with RTF and private psychiatric hospital tribal attestation fees.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 43.70.250, 43.70.280, 71.24.037, and SHB 2075 (chapter 204, Laws of 2024), codified as RCW 71.12.460.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: SHB 2075 requires the department to issue licenses to an Indian health care provider, as defined in RCW 71.24.025, attesting to have met the state minimum standards for RTFs and private psychiatric hospitals. In order to comply with the requirements in RCW 71.12.460, the department must establish a fee to cover the administrative processing costs of an attestation and have the ability to begin issuing licenses under attestation to Indian health care providers by July 1, 2025.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Michelle Weatherly, P.O. Box 47843, Olympia, WA 98504-7843, phone 360-236-2992, TTY 711, email michelle.weatherly@doh.wa.gov, website www.doh.wa.gov.

Additional comments: The department will use existing GovDelivery lists and other known contact information to inform interested parties of opportunities to provide input on proposed rule language. To find out more information about our rule making, visit www.doh.wa.gov. To subscribe to GovDelivery, please visit www.doh.wa.gov, and select the "Sign up for Updates From DOH" button at the bottom of the page. After signing in, please click open the box labeled "Health Systems Quality Assurance." Next, click open the box labeled "Community Health Systems," and then click "Facilities" or select the relevant facility type(s).

November 22, 2024
Kristin Peterson, JD
Chief of Policy
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Secretary of Health

WSR 24-24-049
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
PIERCE COLLEGE

[Filed November 26, 2024, 12:35 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Pierce College is engaging in proposed rule making to update the student conduct code, chapter 132K-135 WAC, in order to be in compliance with the United States Department of Education federal rules regarding Title IX.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Pierce College is engaging in the rule-making process to maintain compliance with federal laws regarding Title IX.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The United States Department of Education requires institutions of higher education to be in compliance with Title IX and make appropriate policy and procedure changes which they updated in August 2024.

Process for Developing New Rule: Revised draft of student conduct code will be presented to the following entities for comment: Student advancement council, assistant attorney general, cabinet, and board of trustees.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Julie Draper Davis, 9401 Farwest Drive S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498, phone 253-912-2331, email jdraperdavis@pierce.ctc.edu; or Marie Harris, 9401 Farwest Drive S.W., Lakewood, WA 98498, phone 253-864-3104, email mharris@pierce.ctc.edu.

November 22, 2024
Julie White
Chancellor

**WSR 24-24-050
WITHDRAWAL OF
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
ENTERPRISE SERVICES**

[Filed November 26, 2024, 12:36 p.m.]

The department of enterprise services (department) requests the withdrawal of WSR 24-19-019 [24-19-015] preproposal statement of inquiry CR-101.

WSR 24-19-019 lists Washington small business certification as the subject of possible rule making. The subject does not reflect the full scope of rule making. The department will file a replacement CR-101, which clearly and accurately reflects the full scope of rule making.

Jack Zeigler
Policy and Rules Manager

WSR 24-24-053
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration)
[Filed November 26, 2024, 2:41 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is considering amendments to WAC 388-71-1031 What is the curriculum approval process for orientation, safety, the 70-hour basic training population specific training, the 30-hour basic training, the seven-hour parent provider training, and continuing education? and 388-112A-1010 What is the curriculum approval process for orientation, safety training, basic training, population specific training, specialty training, residential care administrator training, and continuing education? These rules are related to curriculum approval. Other necessary changes and corrections related to grammar, numerical representation, consistency, and inclusive language may also be included. DSHS may amend other related rules as required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 18.88B.010, 18.88B.021, 18.88B.041, 74.08.090, 74.39A.009, 74.39A.070, 74.39A.074, 74.39A.076, and 74.39A.341.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of these changes is to increase the quality of curriculum submissions, efficiency of process, and the likelihood of approval by clarifying standards and expectations. DSHS has identified growing concerns around the quality of curricula being submitted for department approval, including in-person and online basic training courses.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative rule making. DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal within the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Dave Chappell, Program Manager, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-725-2561, email david.chappell@dshs.wa.gov.

November 26, 2024
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WSR 24-24-076
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
CLOVER PARK
TECHNICAL COLLEGE

[Filed December 2, 2024, 10:09 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Title IX updates.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject:
RCW 28B.50.140(13).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: To bring Clover Park Technical College's (college) student conduct code (code) into compliance with a new final rule governing sex discrimination grievance procedures recently adopted by the United States Department of Education and to update the code to ensure its prohibited conduct and procedures adequately protect the interests of the college community and the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: On April 19, 2024, the United States Department of Education released its final rule under Title IX. This rule requires institutions of higher education to adopt student disciplinary procedures addressing sex discrimination, including sex-based harassment. The deadline for implementing this new rule is August 1, 2024.

In addition to complying with the new final rule, the college is updating its student conduct code to address [no information supplied by agency]. These new definitions of prohibited behavior and updated procedures are necessary to address conduct that may pose a threat to the general welfare of the college community and/or college operations and to protect the constitutional and procedural rights of individual students.

Process for Developing New Rule: Revisions developed in coordination with the Washington state attorney general's office to reflect the final rule of the United States Department of Education noted above.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Thomas Oliver, 4500 Steilacoom Boulevard S.W., Lakewood, WA 98499, phone 253-589-5500, email Thomas.Oliver@cptc.edu.

December 2, 2024
Thomas Oliver
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-079
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

[Filed December 2, 2024, 10:55 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Revising the definition of firefighter.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.50.050 and chapter 304, Laws of 2024, Part II.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Revising WAC 415-104-225 to align the definition of firefighter with the requirements of chapter 304, Laws of 2024, Part II.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Bianca Stoner, Department of Retirement Systems, P.O. Box 48380, Olympia, WA 98504-8380, phone 360-664-7291, TTY 711, email drs.rules@drs.wa.gov, website www.drs.wa.gov/rules.

December 2, 2024
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Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-085

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed December 2, 2024, 3:29 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-543-2000 Eligible providers and provider requirements; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (agency) is amending WAC 182-543-2000 to amend the medical equipment and supplies provider requirements. During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington state department of health.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Brian Jensen (Rule-making Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS), 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Danielle Crawford (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, phone 360-725-0983, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email dani.crawford@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

December 2, 2024
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WSR 24-24-088
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed December 3, 2024, 7:57 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 296-403A WAC, Amusement rides or structures; WAC 296-403A-100 Definitions.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: Chapter 67.42 RCW, Amusement rides.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The purpose of this rule making is to consider amendments to the definitions for amusement rides or structures under WAC 296-403A-100. The department of labor and industries accepted a rule-making petition to amend the definition of "Amusement structures" to exclude fixed artificial climbing surfaces built for the sport of rock climbing, including equipment used for climber education and safety, when not located on the same premises as amusement rides. This rule making considers the proposed amendments from the petitioner's request. Additional amendments to WAC 296-403A-100 are also being considered for updates, clarification, housekeeping, and other changes to bring the rule up-to-date.

Process for Developing New Rule: Interested parties can participate in the formulation of the proposed amendments before publication by contacting the individual listed below. The public can also participate after amendments are proposed by providing written comments and/or testimony during the public hearing and comment process.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Meagan Edwards, Department of Labor and Industries, Field Services and Public Safety Division, P.O. Box 44400, Olympia, WA 98504-4400, phone 360-522-0125, fax 360-704-1980, email Meagan.Edwards@Lni.wa.gov, website <https://www.lni.wa.gov/licensing-permits/electrical/laws-rules-policies#rule-development>.

December 3, 2024
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 24-24-091
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
LABOR AND INDUSTRIES

[Filed December 3, 2024, 8:03 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Medical aid rules updates regarding rate setting for most professional health care services for injured workers. These updates may also impact rates for health care services provided to crime victims. WAC 296-20-135 Conversion factors, 296-23-220 Physical therapy rules, and 296-23-230 Occupational therapy rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 51.04.020 and 51.04.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The current rules describe elements used in the process of updating the maximum allowable payments for most professional health care services. These elements are set in rule in order to follow the established methodologies of the department of labor and industries (L&I) and maintain consistency with the health care authority and medicaid purchasing administration. Specifically, any proposed rule changes will consider the following:

WAC 296-20-135: Updating the conversion factors used by L&I for calculating reimbursement rates for most professional health care and anesthesia services. Updating the conversion factors to correspond to changes in the medical procedure codes, the relative value units, and anesthesia base units. These changes would enable L&I to continue a reimbursement methodology consistent with other state agencies. Cost-of-living adjustments may be incorporated into the changes in the conversion factors.

WAC 296-23-220 and 296-23-230: Updating the maximum daily reimbursement level for physical and occupational therapy services so L&I may, if necessary, give cost-of-living adjustments to affected providers.

Process for Developing New Rule: L&I notifies external stakeholders through the GovDelivery system on updates to conversion factors and to the physical and occupational therapy maximum daily reimbursement level. L&I coordinates these updates with the health care authority, medicaid purchasing administration, and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to ensure consistent health care purchasing policies when possible. The proposed changes will be presented to the advisory groups, published via the GovDelivery service, and publicized in a letter to interested persons.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Megan Lemon, L&I, Health Services Analysis, P.O. Box 44322, Olympia, WA 98504-4322, phone 360-902-5161, fax 360-902-4249, email Megan.Lemon@Lni.wa.gov.

Additional comments: For more information on L&I rule making, visit L&I's Rulemaking Activity web page at <https://www.Lni.wa.gov/rulemaking-activity/>.

December 3, 2024
Joel Sacks
Director

WSR 24-24-099
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

[Filed December 3, 2024, 2:34 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: New chapter 110-146 WAC, Licensing requirements for residential private schools (RPS), and all other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: ESSB 5515, section 3, chapter 441, Laws of 2023; RCW 74.15.020; chapter 43.216 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department of children, youth, and families (DCYF) licensing division is creating a new rules chapter to meet the requirements of ESSB 5515. DCYF does not currently license RPSs, but with this new legislation, DCYF will create new rules for licensing the residential component of RPSs and begin licensing these schools statewide. These rules will include application requirements, as well as licensing and monitoring requirements for the residential component of an RPS's program.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Melanie Morris, 6860 Capital Boulevard S.E., Building 2, Tumwater, WA 98504, phone 360-827-2463, email melanie.morris@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov; or Michael Williams, 1500 Jefferson Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, phone 360-688-0195, email michael.williams2@dcyf.wa.gov, website www.dcyf.wa.gov.

December 3, 2024
Brenda Villarreal
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-106

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING

[Filed December 4, 2024, 9:40 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Amendments to chapter 308-108 WAC, Driver training schools.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 46.82.290 Administration of chapter—Adoption of rules.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rule making will update curriculum, course, and instructor requirements to reflect updates to the national driver education standards and required curriculum document. This also allows for removal/updating of outdated verbiage.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The office of the superintendent of public instruction and the Washington traffic safety commission both share a vested interest in traffic safety education and public safety on Washington roadways. Therefore, the department [of licensing] will invite these entities to participate in the rule-making process. Although their participation is not required, it is welcomed.

Process for Developing New Rule: Negotiated rule making.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ellis Starrett, 1125 Washington Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-902-3846, email rulescoordinator@dol.wa.gov, website dol.wa.gov/about/driversrules.html.

December 4, 2024

Ellis Starrett

Rules and Policy Manager

WSR 24-24-108
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed December 4, 2024, 10:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-502-0002 Eligible provider types, 182-531-0300 Anesthesia providers and covered physician-related services, and 182-531-0350 Anesthesia services—Reimbursement for physician-related services; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (agency) is establishing rules to allow for the payment of services under the apple health program by anesthesiologist assistants, as established in chapter 18.71D RCW. During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington medical commission, department of health.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Melinda Froud (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1408, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Andrea Allen (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, phone 360-725-9805, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email andrea.allen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

December 4, 2024
Wendy Barcus
Rules Coordinator

WSR 24-24-110
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed December 4, 2024, 10:26 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-501-0213 Case management services; new chapter 182-563 WAC, Reentry; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (agency) is amending WAC 182-501-0213 Case management services, and writing new rules under new chapter 182-563 WAC to provide limited coverage for certain services for incarcerated individuals up to 90 days before their expected release date. This rule making aligns with Washington's Medicaid Transformation Project 2.0, in accordance with Section 1115(a) of the Social Security Act and the Consolidated Appropriations Act (CAA). During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington state department of social and health services.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the person identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule making (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Jason Crabbe (Rule-making Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-9563, fax 360-586-9727, Telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email jason.crabbe@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Tyron Nixon (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45530, Olympia, WA 98504-5530, phone 360-725-9711 or 360-725-0784, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email tyron.nixon@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

December 4, 2024
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