WSR 23-17-042 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY [Filed August 9, 2023, 4:07 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-559-300 Eligibility for community support 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 (HCA) intends to lower the minimum eligibility age for community support services from age 18 to age 16. This will allow more people to receive supportive housing services that aim to reduce homelessness and improve health outcomes. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

Process for Developing New Rule: HCA 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, HCA 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, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1408, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Matthew Christie, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42730, Olympia, WA 98504-2730, phone 360-725-1015, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email matt.christie@hca.wa, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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