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WSR 24-02-050 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY [Filed December 28, 2023, 10:31 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-502-0002 Eligible provider types and 182-531-1400 Psychiatric physician-related services and other professional mental health 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) is adding mental health counselor associates, social worker associates, and marriage and family therapist associates as provider types eligible to provide covered health care services to eligible clients. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.

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 Jason Crabbe, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-9563, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email jason.crabbe@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Teresa Claycamp, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42730, Olympia, WA 98504-2730, phone 360-974-9448, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email teresa.claycamp@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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