WSR 24-14-134 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY [Filed July 2, 2024, 3:48 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-115-0100 Certified peer counselor-General, 182-115-0200 Certified peer counselor-Application, training, examination, and authority approval; 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) intends to update these rules as authorized in 2SSB 5555 (68th legislature, 2023 regular session), creating the profession of certified peer specialists. During the course of this review, the agency 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: 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, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1408, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunications relay service (TRS) 711, email melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Maureen Bailey, Program Questions, P.O. Box 55543, Olympia, WA 98504-5534 [5543], phone 360-725-9997, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Maureen.bailey@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/ rulemaking.

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