

WSR 24-14-135
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-504-0015 Washington apple health—Certification periods for categorically needy programs, 182-505-0225 Children's Washington apple health with premiums—Calculation and determination of premium amount; 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 182-504-0015 and 182-505-0225 so that the agency does not terminate children's health insurance program (CHIP) coverage for nonpayment of premiums during a child's continuous eligibility period and does not condition or delay enrollment on payment of unpaid premiums. The agency made these changes via emergency rule effective July 2, 2024, filed under WSR 24-14-119. The purpose of this rule making is to make those changes permanent. During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid 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 Brian Jensen, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunications relay service (TRS) 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Emily Good, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-0920, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Emily.Good@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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