

WSR 24-15-070

PROPOSED RULES

HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed July 17, 2024, 2:59 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 24-11-079.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 182-546-4700
Ambulance transportation—Ambulance transport fund—Purpose.

Hearing Location(s): On August 27, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. The health care authority (HCA) holds public hearings virtually without a physical meeting place. To attend the virtual public hearing, you must register in advance https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Jx4tOCLyTByfJfI1Pj88Cg. If the link above opens with an error message, please try using a different browser. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the public hearing.

Date of Intended Adoption: August 28, 2024.

Submit Written Comments to: HCA Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, email arc@hca.wa.gov, fax 360-586-9727, beginning July 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m., by August 27, 2024, by 11:59 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Johanna Larson, phone 360-725-1349, fax 360-586-9727, TTY/TRS 711, email Johanna.Larson@hca.wa.gov, by August 9, 2024.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: HCA is amending this rule to extend the expiration date for the ambulance transport fund from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2028, to align with RCW 74.70.901 (SB 5122, chapter 11, Laws of 2023).

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See purpose.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Statute Being Implemented: SB 5122, chapter 11, Laws of 2023; RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

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A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. RCW 34.05.328 does not apply to HCA rules unless requested by the joint administrative rules review committee or applied voluntarily.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3) as the rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

July 17, 2024
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Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-15-010, filed 7/8/21, effective 8/8/21)

WAC 182-546-4700 Ambulance transportation—Ambulance transport fund—Purpose. Chapter 74.70 RCW establishes the quality assurance fee for specified providers of emergency ambulance services through July 1, ((2024)) 2028. The fee is added to base funding from all other sources to support additional medicaid payments. The fee applies to nonpublic and nonfederal providers of emergency ambulance services. This is a dedicated fund established within the state treasury, known as the ambulance transport fund. The ambulance transport fund is used to receive and distribute funds.