WSR 24-24-108 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY [Filed December 4, 2024, 10:02 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-502-0002 Eligible provider types, 182-531-0300 Anesthesia providers and covered physicianrelated services, and 182-531-0350 Anesthesia services-Reimbursement for physician-related 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 (agency) is establishing rules to allow for the payment of services under the apple health program by anesthesiologist assistants, as established in chapter 18.71D RCW. During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Washington medical commission, 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 (Rulemaking Questions), P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1408, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Andrea Allen (Program Questions), P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, phone 360-725-9805, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email

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