WSR 21-14-007 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY [Filed June 24, 2021, 8:27 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-543-2000, 182-551-2010, and 182-551-2210; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 18.79.256.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (HCA) is amending these rules to change occurrences of "ordering physician" to "authorized practitioner" to align with amendments in chapters 182-543 and 182-551 WAC recently made in WSR 21-12-051. During the course of this review, HCA 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: Not applicable.

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 Jason Crabbe, Rulemaking 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 Cynde Rivers, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45506, Olympia, WA 98504-5506, phone 360-725-5282, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email cynde.rivers@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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