

**WSR 21-24-064**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-503-0535 Washington apple health—Citizenship and immigration status, 182-507-0135 Immigration status requirement for refugee medical assistance (RMA); 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 agency is amending the definition of qualified alien in WAC 182-503-0535 to include certain persons from Iraq and Afghanistan. The agency is amending WAC 182-507-0135 to add certain persons from Iraq and Afghanistan to the individuals eligible for refugee medical assistance. During this review, health care authority 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: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Office of Refugee Resettlement.

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, Rulemaking Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email [brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov](mailto:brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking); or Dody McAlpine, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, phone 360-725-9964, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [dody.mcalpine@hca.wa.gov](mailto:dody.mcalpine@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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