

WSR 24-15-117
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-550-5130 Payment method—Institution for mental diseases disproportionate share hospital (IMDDSH) and institution for mental diseases (IMD) state grants, 182-550-5210 Payment method—Small rural indigent assistance disproportionate share hospital (SRIADSH), 182-550-5220 Payment method—Non-rural indigent assistance disproportionate share hospital (NRIADSH), and 182-550-5380 Payment method—Sole community disproportionate share hospital (SCDSH); 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 182-550-5130 to remove subsections (5) and (6). The agency does not distribute any state funded grants for IMD DSH; there is no state money allocated to IMD. The agency is repealing WAC 182-550-5210, 182-550-5220, and 182-550-5380; old information, the programs have not been funded by the legislature for over 10 years. During the course of this review, the agency 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: The 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 Valerie Freudenstein, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Mary O'Hare, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-9820, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email mary.ohare@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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