WSR 19-03-050 EXPEDITED RULES HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed January 9, 2019, 10:06 a.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 182-511-1150 Health care for workers with disabilities (HWD)—Disability requirements.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The agency is amending this rule to replace incorrect references to the developmental disabilities administration with the correct program name of division of disability determination services.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See purpose section above.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

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

Name of Proponent: Health care authority (HCA), governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Melinda Froud, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, 360-725-1408; Implementation and Enforcement: Dody McAlpine, P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, 360-725-9964.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: The only amendment to this rule is to provide the correct name of the department of social and health services department that makes the HWD determinations. This correction does not alter the effect of the rule, and RCW 34.05.353 (1)(c) allows this type of change.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Wendy Barcus, Rules Coordinator, HCA, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1306, fax 360-586-9727, email arc@hca.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY March 26, 2019.

January 8, 2019 Wendy Barcus Rules Coordinator AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-14-080, filed 6/29/15, effective 7/30/15)

- WAC 182-511-1150 Health care for workers with disabilities (HWD)—Disability requirements. This section describes the disability requirements for the two groups of individuals that may qualify for the health care for workers with disabilities (HWD) program.
- (1) To qualify for the HWD program, a person must meet the requirements of the Social Security Act in section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii):
 - (a) (XV) for the basic coverage group (BCG); or
 - (b) (XVI) for the medical improvement group (MIG).
 - (2) The BCG consists of individuals who:
- (a) Meet federal disability requirements for the supplemental security income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) program; or
- (b) Are determined by the ((developmental disabilities administration (DDA))) department of social and health services, division of disability determination services (DDDS), to meet federal disability requirements for the HWD program.
 - (3) The MIG consists of individuals who:
- (a) Were previously eligible and approved for the HWD program as a member of the BCG; and
- (b) Are determined by DDDS to have a medically improved disability. The term "medically improved disability" refers to the particular status granted to persons described in subsection (1)(b).
- (4) When completing a disability determination for the HWD program, ((DDA)) <u>DDDS</u> will not deny disability status because of employment.

WSR 19-03-064 WITHDRAWL OF EXPEDITED RULE MAKING DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Aging and Long-Term Support Administration) [Filed January 11, 2019, 8:49 a.m.]

The aging and long-term support administration requests the withdrawal of the expedited rule-making notice filed as WSR 18-18-059 on August 30, 2018 (WAC 388-78A-2460) regarding the assisted living facilities.

Katherine I. Vasquez Rules Coordinator

WSR 19-03-085 EXPEDITED RULES HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed January 14, 2019, 11:33 a.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 182-502-0022 Provider preventable conditions (PPCs)—Payment policy.

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Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Correcting where hospitals must report *other provider preventable condition* (OPPC) associated with an established medicaid client in subsection (6)(d)(i), and correcting a web address. Also correcting a bad web address in subsection (6)(d)(ii).

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See purpose.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160. Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Health care authority (HCA), governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Jason Crabbe, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, 360-725-9563; Implementation and Enforcement: Scott Best, P.O. Box 45503, Olympia, WA 98504-5503, 360-725-1396.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This rule making is for correction purposes only as allowed by RCW 34.05.353 (1)(c).

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Wendy Barcus, Rules Coordinator, HCA, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1306, fax 360-586-9727, email arc@hca.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY March 26, 2019.

January 14, 2019 Wendy Barcus Rules Coordinator

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-19-038, filed 9/11/13, effective 10/12/13)

WAC 182-502-0022 Provider preventable conditions (PPCs)—Payment policy. (1) This section establishes the agency's payment policy for services provided to medicaid clients on a fee-for-service basis or to a client enrolled in a managed care organization (defined in WAC 182-538-050) by health care professionals and inpatient hospitals that result in provider preventable conditions (PPCs).

- (2) The rules in this section apply to:
- (a) All health care professionals who bill the agency directly; and
 - (b) Inpatient hospitals.

- (3) Definitions. The following definitions and those found in chapter 182-500 WAC apply to this section:
 - (a) Agency See WAC 182-500-0010.
- (b) Health care-acquired conditions (HCAC) A condition occurring in any inpatient hospital setting (identified as a hospital acquired condition by medicare other than deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism as related to a total knee replacement or hip replacement surgery in pediatric and obstetric patients.) Medicare's list of hospital acquired conditions is also available at: http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Medicare-Fee-for-Service-Payment/HospitalAcqCond/Hospital-Acquired Conditions.html.
- (c) Other provider preventable conditions (OPPC) The list of serious reportable events in health care as identified by the department of health in WAC 246-302-030 and published by the National Quality Forum.
- (d) **Present on admission (POA) indicator** A status code the hospital uses on an inpatient claim that indicates if a condition was present at the time the order for inpatient admission occurs.
- (e) **Provider preventable condition (PPC)** An umbrella term for hospital and nonhospital acquired conditions identified by the agency for nonpayment to ensure the high quality of medicaid services. PPCs include two distinct categories: Health care-acquired conditions (HCACs) and other provider-preventable conditions (OPPCs).
- (4) **Health care-acquired condition (HCAC)** The agency will deny or recover payment to health care professionals and inpatient hospitals for care related only to the treatment of the consequences of a HCAC.
 - (a) HCAC conditions include:
 - (i) Foreign object retained after surgery;
 - (ii) Air embolism:
 - (iii) Blood incompatibility;
 - (iv) Stage III and IV pressure ulcers;
 - (v) Falls and trauma:
 - (A) Fractures:
 - (B) Dislocations;
 - (C) Intracranial injuries;
 - (D) Crushing injuries;
 - (E) Burns;
 - (F) Other injuries.
 - (vi) Manifestations of poor glycemic control:
 - (A) Diabetic ketoacidosis;
 - (B) Nonketotic hyperosmolar coma;
 - (C) Hypoglycemic coma;
 - (D) Secondary diabetes with ketoacidosis;
 - (E) Secondary diabetes with hyperosmolarity.
 - (vii) Catheter-associated urinary tract infection (UTI);
 - (viii) Vascular catheter-associated infection;
- (ix) Surgical site infection, mediastinitis, following coronary artery bypass graft (CABG);
- (x) Surgical site infection following bariatric surgery for obesity:
 - (A) Laparoscopic gastric bypass;
 - (B) Gastroenterostomy; or
 - (C) Laparoscopic gastric restrictive surgery.
- (xi) Surgical site infection following certain orthopedic procedures:
 - (A) Spine;

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- (B) Neck;
- (C) Shoulder;
- (D) Elbow.
- (xii) Surgical site infection following cardiac implantable electronic device (CIED).
- (xiii) Deep vein thrombosis/pulmonary embolism (DVT/PE) following certain orthopedic procedures:
 - (A) Total knee replacement; or
 - (B) Hip replacement.
- (xiv) Latrogenic pneumothorax with venous catheterization.
- (b) Hospitals must include the present on admission (POA) indicator when submitting inpatient claims for payment. The POA indicator is to be used according to the official coding guidelines for coding and reporting and the CMS guidelines. The POA indicator may prompt a review, by the agency or the agency's designee, of inpatient hospital claims with an HCAC diagnosis code when appropriate according to the CMS guidelines. The agency will identify professional claims using the information provided on the hospital claims.
- (c) HCACs are based on current medicare inpatient prospective payment system rules with the inclusion of POA indicators. Health care professionals and inpatient hospitals must report HCACs on claims submitted to the agency for consideration of payment.
- (5) Other provider preventable condition (OPPC) The agency will deny or recoup payment to health care professionals and inpatient hospitals for care related only to the treatment of consequences of an OPPC when the condition:
- (a) Could have reasonably been prevented through the application of nationally recognized evidence based guidelines:
 - (b) Is within the control of the hospital;
 - (c) Occurred during an inpatient hospital admission;
 - (d) Has a negative consequence for the beneficiary;
 - (e) Is auditable; and
- (f) Is included on the list of serious reportable events in health care as identified by the department of health in WAC 246-302-030 effective on the date the incident occurred. The list of serious reportable events in health care, as of the publishing of this rule, includes:
 - (i) Surgical or invasive procedure events:
- (A) Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong site;
- (B) Surgical or other invasive procedure performed on the wrong patient;
- (C) Wrong surgical or other invasive procedure performed on a patient;
- (D) Unintended retention of a foreign object in a patient after surgery or other invasive procedure;
- (E) Intraoperative or immediately postoperative/postprocedure death in an ASA Class 1 patient.
 - (ii) Product or device events:
- (A) Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of contaminated drugs, devices, or biologics provided by the hospital:
- (B) Patient death or serious injury associated with the use or function of a device in patient care, in which the device is used or functions other than as intended:

- (C) Patient death or serious injury associated with intravascular air embolism that occurs while being cared for in a hospital.
 - (iii) Patient protection events:
- (A) Discharge or release of a patient/resident of any age, who is unable to make decisions, to other than an authorized person;
- (B) Patient death or serious injury associated with patient elopement;
- (C) Patient suicide, attempted suicide, or self-harm that results in serious injury, while being cared for in a hospital.
 - (iv) Care management events:
- (A) Patient death or serious injury associated with a medication error (e.g., errors involving the wrong drug, wrong dose, wrong patient, wrong time, wrong rate, wrong preparation, or wrong route of administration);
- (B) Patient death or serious injury associated with unsafe administration of blood products;
- (C) Maternal death or serious injury associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy while being cared for in a hospital;
- (D) Death or serious injury of a neonate associated with labor or delivery in a low-risk pregnancy;
- (E) Patient death or serious injury associated with a fall while being cared for in a hospital;
- (F) Any stage 3, stage 4, or unstageable pressure ulcers acquired after admission/presentation to a hospital (not present on admission);
- (G) Patient death or serious injury resulting from the irretrievable loss of an irreplaceable biological specimen;
- (H) Patient death or serious injury resulting from failure to follow-up or communicate laboratory, pathology, or radiology test results.
 - (v) Environmental events:
- (A) Patient death or serious injury associated with an electric shock in the course of a patient care process in a hospital;
- (B) Any incident in which systems designated for oxygen or other gas to be delivered to a patient contains no gas, the wrong gas, or is contaminated by toxic substances;
- (C) Patient death or serious injury associated with a burn incurred from any source in the course of a patient care process in a hospital;
- (D) Patient death or serious injury associated with the use of physical restraints or bedrails while being cared for in a hospital.
- (vi) Radiologic events: Death or serious injury of a patient associated with the introduction of a metallic object into the magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) area.
 - (vii) Potential criminal event:
- (A) Any instance of care ordered by or provided by someone impersonating a physician, nurse, pharmacist, or other licensed health care provider;
 - (B) Abduction of a patient of any age;
- (C) Sexual abuse/assault on a patient within or on the grounds of a health care setting;
- (D) Death or serious injury of a patient resulting from a physical assault (i.e., battery) that occurs within or on the grounds of a health care setting.

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- (6) Reporting PPCs.
- (a) The agency requires inpatient hospitals to report PPCs (as appropriate according to (d) and (e) of this subsection) to the agency by using designated present on admission (POA) indicator codes and appropriate HCPCs modifiers that are associated:
 - (i) With claims for medical assistance payment; or
- (ii) With courses of treatment furnished to clients for which medical assistance payment would otherwise be available.
- (b) Health care professionals and inpatient hospitals must report PPCs associated with medicaid clients to the agency even if the provider does not intend to bill the agency.
- (c) Use of the appropriate POA indicator codes informs the agency of the following:
- (i) A condition was present at the time of inpatient hospital admission or at the time the client was first seen by the health care professional or hospital; or
- (ii) A condition occurred during admission or encounter with a health care professional either inpatient or outpatient.
- (d) Hospitals must notify the agency of an OPPC associated with an established medicaid client within forty-five calendar days of the confirmed OPPC in accordance with RCW 70.56.020. If the client's medicaid eligibility status is not known or established at the time the OPPC is confirmed, the agency allows hospitals thirty days to notify the agency once the client's eligibility is established or known.
- (i) Notification must be in writing, addressed to the agency's ((ehief medical officer)) office of program integrity, and include the OPPC, date of service, client identifier, and the claim number if the facility submits a claim to the agency.
- (ii) Hospitals must complete the appropriate portion of the HCA 12-200 form to notify the agency of the OPPC. Agency forms are available for download at: ((http://www.hea.wa.gov/medicaid/forms/Pages/index.aspx)) https://www.hca.wa.gov/billers-providers-partners/forms-and-publications.
- (e) Health care professionals or designees responsible for or may have been associated with the occurrence of a PPC involving a medicaid client must notify the agency within forty-five calendar days of the confirmed PPC in accordance with chapter 70.56 RCW. Notifications must be in writing, addressed to the agency's chief medical officer, and include the PPC, date of service, and client identifier. Providers must complete the appropriate portion of the HCA 12-200 form to notify the agency of the PPC. Agency forms are available for download at http://www.hca.wa.gov/medicaid/forms/Pages/index.aspx.
- (f) Failure to report, code, bill or claim PPCs according to the requirements in this section will result in loss or denial of payments.
- (7) Identifying PPCs. The agency may identify PPCs as follows:
 - (a) Through the department of health (DOH); or
- (b) Through the agency's program integrity efforts, including:
 - (i) The agency's claims payment system;
- (ii) Retrospective hospital utilization review process (see WAC 182-550-1700);

- (iii) The agency's provider payment review process (see WAC 182-502-0230);
- (iv) The agency's provider audit process (see chapter 182-502A WAC); and
 - (v) A provider or client complaint.
- (8) Payment adjustment for PPCs. The agency or its designee conducts a review of the PPC prior to reducing or denying payment.
- (a) The agency does not reduce, recoup, or deny payment to a provider for a PPC when the condition:
- (i) Existed prior to the initiation of treatment for that client by that provider. Documentation must be kept in the client's clinical record to clearly support that the PPC existed prior to initiation of treatment; or
 - (ii) Is directly attributable to a comorbid condition(s).
- (b) The agency reduces payment to a provider when the following applies:
- (i) The identified PPC would otherwise result in an increase in payment; and
- (ii) The portion of the professional services payment directly related to the PPC, or treatment of the PPC, can be reasonably isolated for nonpayment.
- (c) The agency does not make additional payments for services on claims for covered health care services that are attributable to HCACs and/or are coded with POA indicator codes "N" or "U."
- (d) Medicare crossover claims. The agency applies the following rules for these claims:
- (i) If medicare denies payment for a claim at a higher rate for the increased costs of care under its PPC policies:
- (A) The agency limits payment to the maximum allowed by medicare;
- (B) The agency does not pay for care considered nonallowable by medicare; and
 - (C) The client cannot be held liable for payment.
- (ii) If medicare denies payment for a claim under its national coverage determination agency from Section 1862 (a)(1)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395) for an adverse health event:
- (A) The agency does not pay the claim, any medicare deductible or any coinsurance related to the inpatient hospital and health care professional services; and
 - (B) The client cannot be held liable for payment.
- (9) The agency will calculate its reduction, denial or recoupment of payment based on the facts of each OPPC or HCAC. Any overpayment applies only to the health care professional or hospital where the OPPC or HCAC occurred and does not apply to care provided by other health care professionals and inpatient hospitals, should the client subsequently be transferred or admitted to another hospital for needed care.
- (10) Medicaid clients are not liable for payment of an item or service related to an OPPC or HCAC or the treatment of consequences of an OPPC or HCAC that would have been otherwise payable by the agency, and must not be billed for any item or service related to a PPC.
 - (11) Provider dispute process for PPCs.
- (a) A health care professional or inpatient hospital may dispute the agency's reduction, denial or recoupment of payment related to a PPC as described in chapter 182-502A WAC.

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- (b) The disputing health care professional or inpatient hospital must provide the agency with the following information:
- (i) The health care professional or inpatient hospital's assessment of the PPC; and
- (ii) A complete copy of the client's medical record and all associated billing records, to include itemized statement or explanation of charges.

WSR 19-03-130 EXPEDITED RULES HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

[Filed January 18, 2019, 12:18 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 182-503-0505 Washington apple health—General eligibility requirements.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Correcting WAC cross-reference.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The agency is revising this rule to correct a WAC cross-reference in WAC 182-503-0505 (5)(a). The reference should read "182-513-1317(5)." The current listed citation WAC 182-513-1315(13) does not exist.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160. Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Health care authority (HCA), governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Michael Williams, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, 360-725-1346; Implementation and Enforcement: Stephen Kozak, P.O. Box 45534, Olympia, WA 98504-5534, 360-725-1343.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: This rule making is [for] correction purposes only as allowed by RCW 34.05.353 (1)(c).

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Wendy Barcus, Rules

Coordinator, HCA, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-9716, phone 360-725-1306, fax 360-586-9727, email arc@hca.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY March 26, 2019.

January 18, 2019 Wendy Barcus Rules Coordinator

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 17-12-017, filed 5/30/17, effective 6/30/17)

- WAC 182-503-0505 Washington apple health—General eligibility requirements. (1) When you apply for Washington apple health programs established under chapter 74.09 RCW, you must meet the eligibility criteria in chapters 182-500 through 182-527 WAC.
- (2) When you apply for apple health, we first consider you for federally funded or federally matched programs. We consider you for state-funded programs after we have determined that you are ineligible for federally funded and federally matched programs.
- (3) Unless otherwise specified in a program specific WAC, the eligibility criteria for each program are as follows:
 - (a) Age (WAC 182-503-0050);
- (b) Residence in Washington state (WAC 182-503-0520 and 182-503-0525);
- (c) Citizenship or immigration status in the United States (WAC 182-503-0535);
- (d) Possession of a valid Social Security account number (WAC 182-503-0515);
- (e) Assignment of medical support rights to the state of Washington (WAC 182-503-0540);
- (f) Application for medicare and enrollment into medicare's prescription drug program if:
 - (i) You are likely entitled to medicare; and
- (ii) We have authority to pay medicare cost sharing as described in chapter 182-517 WAC.
- (g) If your eligibility is not based on modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) methodology, your countable resources must be within specific program limits (chapters 182-512, 182-513, 182-515, 182-517, and 182-519 WAC); and
 - (h) Countable income within program limits:
 - (i) For MAGI-based programs, see WAC 182-505-0100;
 - (ii) For the refugee program, see WAC 182-507-0130;
- (iii) For the medical care services program, see WAC 182-508-0005;
- (iv) For the health care for workers with disabilities (HWD) program, see WAC 182-511-1000;
- (v) For the SSI-related program, see WAC 182-512-0010;
- (vi) For long-term care programs, see ((ehapter[s])) chapters 182-513 and 182-515 WAC;
- (vii) For medicare savings programs, see WAC 182-517-0100; and
- (viii) For the medically needy program, see WAC 182-519-0050.
- (4) In addition to the general eligibility requirements in subsection (3) of this section, each program has specific eligibility requirements as described in applicable WAC.

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- (5) If you are in a public institution, including a correctional facility, you are not eligible for full scope apple health coverage, except in the following situations:
- (a) If you are age twenty-one or younger or age sixty-five or older and are a patient in an institution for mental disease (see WAC ((182-513-1315(13))) 182-513-1317(5)); or
- (b) You receive inpatient hospital services outside of the public institution or correctional facility.
- (6) We limit coverage for people who become residents in a public institution, under subsection (5) of this section, until they are released.
- (7) If you are terminated from SSI or lose eligibility for categorically needy (CN) or alternative benefits plan (ABP) coverage, you receive coverage under the apple health program with the highest scope of care for which you may be eligible while we determine your eligibility for other health care programs. See WAC 182-504-0125.

WSR 19-03-132 EXPEDITED RULES UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

[Filed January 18, 2019, 3:03 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 478-128-020 Definitions, animal control at the University of Washington (UW).

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: UW currently has an emergency rule in effect and this proposal is to make permanent those recent updates to the university's definition of service animal in WAC 478-128-020 to align with the updates to RCW 49.60.040 concerning service animals.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The university is updating its definition of a service animal in WAC 478-128-020 and also updating university policy to promote consistency in application with the amended definition in state law.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 28B.20.130. Statute Being Implemented: RCW 49.60.040.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state

court decision.

Name of Proponent: UW, public and governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting and Implementation: Bree Callahan, ADA Coordinator, UW Compliance Services, 4311 11th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, 206-543-3657; and Enforcement: Jill B. Lee, Executive Director and David M. Anderson, Interim Associate Vice Provost of UW Compliance and Risk Services, 4311 11th Avenue N.E., Seattle, WA 98105, 206-543-3657.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incor-

porated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: UW currently has an emergency rule filed with an effective date of January 1, 2019, to align with the effective date deadline of January 1, 2019, for the amended definition of service animal in RCW 49.60.040. There are no other amendments to this rule other than to make permanent the recent updates to the definition, and expedited rule making is sufficient.

NOTICE

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January 18, 2019 Barbara Lechtanski, Director UW Rules Coordination Office

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 09-08-016, filed 3/23/09, effective 4/23/09)

WAC 478-128-020 Definitions. "Animal" means any living creature except human beings, fish, any research animal maintained in university facilities, or natural wildlife inhabiting university property. This definition includes, among other things, pets.

"Imminent danger" means a threat to human and/or animal life or university property that is immediate or reasonably foreseeable under the circumstances.

"Organic debris" means animal feces, urine, vomit, blood, etc.

"Owner" means any person having an interest in or right of possession to an animal, or any person having control, custody, or possession of an animal.

"Running at large" means to be off the owner's residential premises and not under the owner's direct control.

"Service animal" ((means an animal, including guide dogs, individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, as defined by applicable state and/or federal laws, which includes but is not limited to, guiding individuals who are blind or have low vision, alerting individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, providing minimal protection, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items)) has the same meaning as defined in RCW 49.60.040.

"Service animal in training" means ((an animal)) a dog or miniature horse that is being trained ((for the purpose of assisting or accommodating an individual with a disability as

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defined by applicable state and/or federal laws)) to be a service animal, as that term is defined in RCW 49.60.040.

"University property" means property that the university owns as well as property that the university operates, leases, rents, or otherwise controls.

"Working animal" means an animal that is trained for specific tasks and under the control of police, security or emergency personnel, or other university employees or agents. Examples of working animals include, but are not limited to, patrol, rescue, or sentry dogs and therapy animals.

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