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**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Chapter 182-535A WAC, Orthodontic services.

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 these rules to remove all references to interceptive treatment. This change is necessary to align with the planned discontinuance of the current dental terminology code for interceptive treatment, effective January 1, 2022, by the American Dental Association's Council of Dental Benefit Program's Code Maintenance Committee. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional housekeeping changes or 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, Rulemaking Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Janice Tadeo, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45506, Olympia, WA 98504-5506, phone 360-725-1583, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Janice.tadeo@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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