

**WSR 21-14-094
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

[Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2021-16—Filed July 7, 2021, 9:43 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Implementation of E2SHB 1477 and consolidated health care rule making.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.515, 48.44.050, 48.46.200; and chapter 302, Laws of 2021.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The commissioner is considering adopting rules to implement E2SHB 1477 concerning access to next day appointments required in the legislation. The commissioner may also consider utilizing this rule to consolidate office of the insurance commissioner (OIC) rule making if necessary to ensure that rules related to recently enacted legislation are adopted by OIC prior to January 1, 2022. Currently, multiple provisions of OIC rules in chapters 284-43 and 284-170 WAC may need to be amended to be consistent with recent laws. These rules will facilitate implementation of recent laws by ensuring that all affected health care entities understand their rights and obligations under the recent laws.

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit comments by September 15, 2021.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Mandy Weeks-Green, P.O. Box 40260, Olympia, WA 98504-2060, phone 360-725-7041, fax 360-586-3109, TTY 360-586-0241, email rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, website www.insurance.wa.gov.

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