

**WSR 22-13-063
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
OFFICE OF THE
INSURANCE COMMISSIONER**

[Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2022-03—Filed June 9, 2022, 9:51 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: Accessing and receiving health care services and benefits.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.735, 48.43.515; and E2SSB 5702.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: In 2022, the legislature enacted several new laws, including, but not limited to, HB 1651 (chapter 122, Laws of 2022), ESHB 1821 (chapter 213, Laws of 2022), and E2SSB 5702 (chapter 236, Laws of 2022), which relate to accessing and receiving health care services and benefits. Multiple provisions of office of insurance commissioner (OIC) rules in chapters 284-43 and 284-170 WAC may need to be amended to be consistent with the new laws. This consolidated rule making will ensure that necessary rules are adopted by OIC in a timely manner. These rules will facilitate implementation of the laws by ensuring that all affected health care entities understand their rights and obligations under the new laws.

Process for Developing New Rule: Submit comments by July 8, 2022.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Shari Maier, 302 Sid Snyder Avenue S.W., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-7173, fax 360-586-3109, TTY 360-586-0241, email rulescoordinator@oic.wa.gov, website www.insurance.wa.gov.

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