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WSR 22-18-050 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-501-0135 Patient review and coordination (PRC); 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 (HCA) is amending WAC 182-501-0135 to: (a) Change the time period in which a client may request an administrative hearing from 90 days to 120 days; (b) state that HCA may determine on a case-by-case basis that a client may obtain certain prescription items at any pharmacy; and (c) add that HCA may remove a client from PRC placement if the client has successfully stabilized due to the utilization of treatment medications, including but not limited to, Buprenorphine. During the course of this review, HCA 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: Not applicable.

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 Jason Crabbe, Rulemaking Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-9563, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email jason.crabbe@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Dianne Baum, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, phone 360-725-2028, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email dianne.baum@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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