

WSR 23-14-014
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-503-0535 Washington apple health—Citizenship and immigration status and 182-507-0135 Immigration status requirement for refugee medical assistance (RMA); other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021 and 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 182-503-0535 and 182-507-0135 to update the parole period for certain Afghan refugees to qualify for refugee medical assistance. This change is required by federal law. The agency filed an emergency rule under WSR 23-14-013 to give this change immediate effect. During this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: United States Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Process for Developing New Rule: HCA 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, HCA 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 Brian Jensen, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service (TRS) 711, email brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Giovanny Delgado, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-1919, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Giovanny.delgado@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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