

WSR 24-03-088  
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-550-4650 "Full cost" public hospital certified public expenditure (CPE) payment program; 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 (agency) is amending this rule to add clarifying language to subsection (5)(c). The agency is adding that if the state's applicable federal medical assistance percentage (FMAP) is zero percent, the amount derived in subsection (5)(b) is multiplied by the lowest Washington state specific medicaid FMAP in effect at the time of claim payment. During the course of this review, the agency 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: 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, Rule-Making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1344, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay services (TRS) 711, email [valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov](mailto:valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking); or Abby Cole, Program Questions, 626 8th Avenue S.E., Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-725-1835, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [abby.cole@hca.wa.gov](mailto:abby.cole@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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