

WSR 21-16-016
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-550-4100 Payment method
—New hospitals.

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) plans to amend this
section to include an exception to per diem rate calculations for psy-
chiatric per diem rates. This aligns with the agency's state plan.
During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related
changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update poli-
cy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and
the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Centers for
Medicare and Medicaid Services via state plan amendment, specifically
4.19-A, Part 1.

Process for Developing New Rule: The agency welcomes the public
to take part in developing this rule. If interested, contact the per-
son identified below to receive an early rule draft to review. After
the early review, the agency will send a notice of proposed rule mak-
ing (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 Michael Williams, Rulemaking Questions, P.O. Box 42716,
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