

**WSR 24-12-052**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-512-0600 SSI-related medical—Definition of income, 182-512-0650 SSI-related medical—Available income, 182-512-0800 SSI-related medical—General income exclusions; 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 these rules to remove food assistance from the calculation of income when determining a person's eligibility for Washington apple health supplemental security income (SSI)-related medical programs. These amendments are consistent with changes to federal rules regarding the treatment of food assistance within the SSI program, effective September 30, 2024. 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: Social Security Administration.

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 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](mailto:brian.jensen@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking); or Heather Chrzan, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-1513, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [heather.chrzan@hca.wa.gov](mailto:heather.chrzan@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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