

WSR 25-06-088
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Rules to be added under new chapter 182-565 WAC related to the health-related social needs (HRSN) program; 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 (agency) is developing rules to implement rent/temporary housing services provided through the Washington HRSN services program. Under the Washington state Section 1115 medicaid demonstration waiver, the HRSN services program allows qualifying medicaid enrollees to receive evidence-based, nonmedical services to address unmet, adverse social conditions that contribute to poor health. The rent/temporary housing benefit provides stable independent living situations for people transitioning out of institutional care or congregate settings who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Payment may cover rent and/or short-term temporary stays for up to six months. During this review, the agency may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: 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 Melinda Froud, Rule-making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-1408, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking; or Maureen Bailey, Program Questions, P.O. Box 55543, Olympia, WA 98504-5543, phone 360-725-9997, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email maureen.bailey@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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