

**WSR 25-08-017**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-531-1850 Payment methodology for physician-related services—General and billing modifiers; 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 amending WAC 182-531-1850 to allow for exceptions to the general rule that the agency does not make separate reimbursement for Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services bundled services. 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: United States Department of Health and Human Services, 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 Brian Jensen, Rule-making Questions, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, phone 360-725-0815, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (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 Wendy Steffens, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45500, Olympia, WA 98504-5500, phone 360-725-5145, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [wendy.steffens@hca.wa.gov](mailto:wendy.steffens@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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