

**WSR 26-03-031**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY**

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-501-0060 Health care coverage—Program benefit packages—Scope of service categories; 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 this rule to make necessary corrections to the table of service categories. 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: The department of social and health 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](mailto:melinda.froud@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking); or Kristina Bair, Program Questions, P.O. Box 42722, Olympia, WA 98504-2722, phone 360-725-9964, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [Kristina.bair@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Kristina.bair@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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