

WSR 26-04-009

PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY  
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

(Public Employees Benefits Board)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Enrollment, eligibility, and appeals rules in chapters 182-08, 182-12, and 182-16 WAC.

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 reviewing multiple sections within chapters 182-08, 182-12, and 182-16 WAC to support the public employees benefits board program.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

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 Cade Walker, P.O. Box 42684, Olympia, WA 98504-2684, phone 360-725-0830, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication relay services (TRS) 711, email [Cade.Walker@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Cade.Walker@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking); or Stella Ng, P.O. Box 42684, Olympia, WA 98504-2684, phone 360-725-0883, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email [Stella.Ng@hca.wa.gov](mailto:Stella.Ng@hca.wa.gov), website [www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking](http://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking).

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