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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-504-0015 Washington apple health—Certification periods for categorically needy programs, 182-504-0035 Washington apple health—Renewals, and 182-505-0250 Washington apple health—MAGI-based adult medical; 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: Effective January 1, 2027, federal law (42 U.S.C. 1396a (e)(14)(L)) requires that states conduct eligibility redeterminations for certain federally funded medical assistance every six months. Also effective January 1, 2027, federal law (P.L. 119-21, Section 71112) shortens the retroactive coverage period for federally funded medical assistance. The health care authority (agency) is amending its rules to comply with these changes in federal law. 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, website 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, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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