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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Rules to be added related to the children's long-term inpatient program (CLIP), which administers the placement of children and youth for long-term inpatient behavioral treatment in four publicly-funded treatment facilities across Washington state. Rules to be added under new chapter 182-568 WAC, and amendments to existing rules as needed.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 71.24.035 (5)(i), and 71.34.380.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The health care authority (agency) is developing new rules for CLIP to align with existing processes and medicaid requirements. During this review, the agency may identify other 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: Department of social and health services and the department of health.

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 Annette Schuffenhauer, Program Questions, P.O. Box 45502, Olympia, WA 98504-5502, phone 360-725-1254, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Annette.schuffenhauer@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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