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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: WAC 182-115-0100 Certified peer counselor; 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 rule currently allows certified peer counselors to provide medicaid-reimbursable peer services until December 31, 2026, and provides that certified peer support specialists will supersede certified peer counselors as of January 1, 2027. The health care authority (HCA) intends to remove both of these dates to allow sufficient time for new peer support specialists to become credentialed. During this review, HCA 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: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: HCA 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, HCA 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 Maureen Bailey, Program Questions, P.O. Box 55543, Olympia, WA 98504-5543, phone 360-725-9997, fax 360-586-9727, TRS 711, email Maureen.bailey@hca.wa.gov, website www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking.

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