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AGENDA
HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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The Washington health care authority (HCA) prepares a semi-annual rule-making agenda in January and July each year for publication in the Washington State Register pursuant to RCW 34.05.314. This report details current and anticipated rule-making activities for HCA during the next six months. Additional rule-making activity may occur which is not listed on this agenda as conditions warrant.

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Semi-Annual Rule-Making Agenda
July through December 2026

WAC Chapter	Rule Subject	Current Activity		
		Preproposal Notice CR-101	Proposed Rule CR-102 (Public Hearing) or CR-105 (Expedited)	Emergency CR-103E
GENERAL				
182-52-0010, 182-52-0100	Prescription drug affordability board	WSR 26-05-049 Filed 2/12/2026		
182-55	Health technology assessment (SB 5915)	WSR 26-09-111 Filed 4/21/2026		
SCHOOL EMPLOYEES BENEFITS BOARD (SEBB)				
182-31-200	SEBB Admin #2026-02 annual rule making	WSR 26-04-012 Filed 1/21/2026	**CR-102** WSR 26-13-038 Filed 6/10/2026 Public hearing scheduled 7/21/2026	
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH				
182-115-0100	Certified peer counselor	WSR 26-14-043 Filed 6/24/2026		
182-116	Certified peer support specialist trainers—Approval process, monitoring, complaints, corrective action	WSR 25-21-151 Filed 10/22/2025		
182-145 (new)	Preadmission screening and resident review	WSR 25-12-017 Filed 5/22/2025	**CR-102** WSR 26-10-019 Filed 4/28/2026 Public hearing held 6/9/2026	
182-155 (new)	Involuntary treatment—Legal representation provided by the office of public defense RCW 71.05.110 and 71.05.620(2)	WSR 26-01-131 Filed 12/18/2025	**CR-102** WSR 26-12-021 Filed 5/26/2026 Public hearing scheduled for 7/7/2026	
WASHINGTON APPLE HEALTH				
182-501-0160, 182-501-0165	Exception to rule—Request for a noncovered health care service (prior authorization updates); Medical and dental coverage—Fee-for-service (FFS) prior authorization—Determination process for payment	WSR 26-12-012 Filed 5/22/2026		
182-502-0002, 182-545-0200	Eligible providers; adding speech language pathology assistants, physical therapy assistants, occupational therapy assistants, and rural emergency hospitals to the list of eligible providers	WSR 26-11-014 Filed 5/12/2026	**CR-102** WSR 26-14-055 Filed 6/25/2026 Public hearing scheduled for 8/4/2026	

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182-503-0070, 182-504-0005, 182-504-0020, 182-504-0025, 182-511-1100, 182-512-0150, 182-513-1350, 182-519-0110	Retroactive coverage period for federally funded medical assistance	WSR 26-06-035 Filed 2/24/2026		
182-503-0535, 182-507-0130	Citizenship and immigration status—Refugee medical assistance	WSR 26-09-061 Filed 4/13/2026		
182-504-0015, 182-504-0035, 182-505-0250	Certification periods	WSR 26-09-003 Filed 4/1/2026		
182-505-0120, 182-507-0110	Washington apple health breast and cervical cancer treatment program for women—Client eligibility; Alien medical programs	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
New chapters 182-525, 182-525A, and 182-525B; Revisions to 182-500-0120, 182-501-0065, 182-503-0510, 182-503-0515, 182-509-0220, 182-526-0005	Apple health expansion	WSR 23-14-063 Filed 6/28/2023		WSR 26-12-004 Filed 5/21/2026
182-526-0207 (new)	Appeals related to medical assistance transfers and discharges	WSR 26-09-015 Filed 4/2/2026		
182-526-0212	Resident appeals related to intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities	WSR 26-11-032 Filed 5/15/2026		
182-526-0280	Continuing a hearing when an appellant is an applicant or recipient	WSR 26-11-029 Filed 05/15/2026		
182-531-0200, 182-531-0600, 182-531-0750, 182-531-0800, 182-531-1050, 182-531-1300, 182-531-1450, 182-531-1650, 182-531-1900	Physician-related services; revising to align with current billing practices	WSR 25-05-012 Filed 2/7/2025	**CR-102** WSR 26-10-083 Filed 5/6/2026 Public hearing held on 6/9/2026	
182-531-1750, 182-550-1900	Transplant coverage for physician-related services/transplant coverage	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
182-531A-0500, 182-531A-0600, 182-531A-0700, 182-531A-1100	Applied behavior analysis	WSR 26-09-041 Filed 4/9/2026		
182-533-0400	Maternity care and newborn delivery; unbundling global obstetrics codes	WSR 26-04-065 Filed 1/28/2026	**CR-102** WSR 26-14-035 Filed 6/24/2026 Public hearing scheduled for 8/4/2026	
182-533-0600	Planned home births and births in birthing centers	WSR 26-08-067 Filed 3/30/2026	**CR-102** WSR 26-12-027 Filed 5/26/2026 Public hearing scheduled for 7/7/2026	
182-533-0610, 182-533-0620, 182-533-0630, 182-533-0640, 182-533-0650, 182-533-0660, 182-533-0665, 182-533-0670, 182-533-0680	Birth doula services	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
182-534-0200	Enhanced payments for EPSDT well-child checkups for children in out-of-home placement	WSR 26-14-092 Filed 6/30/2026		

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		Preproposal Notice CR-101	Proposed Rule CR-102 (Public Hearing) or CR-105 (Expedited)	Emergency CR-103E
182-543-2200	Proof of delivery	WSR 24-17-065 Filed 8/15/2024		
182-543-3000, 182-543-7000, 182-543-7100, 182-543-7200, 182-543-7300	Covered—Hospital beds, mattresses, and related equipment, and authorization	WSR 24-07-007 Filed 3/7/2024		
182-543-0500, 182-543-1000, 182-543-4000, 182-543-4100, 182-543-4200, 182-543-4300, 182-543-4400, 182-543-5700	Medical equipment nursing facilities	WSR 25-23-020 Filed 11/7/2025		
182-543-5500, 182-543-6100 (new), 182-543-6200 (new), 182-543-9000	Urological and incontinence supplies, urinary and incontinence supplies under the mail order incontinence and urinary supplies and services contract, general reimbursement	WSR 26-05-031 Filed 2/11/2026		
182-550-1050, 182-550-2598, 182-550-3800, 182-550-3850, 182-550-4500, 182-550-4800, 182-550-6000, 182-550-7000	Hospital rules—Rural health emergency hospitals (SB 6103)	WSR 26-10-052 Filed 5/4/2026		
182-550-1100	Hospital care—General (SB 5580, 2023-2024 session)	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
182-550-1900, 182-531-1750, 182-507-0115, 182-507-0120	Transplant coverage; Transplant coverage for physician-related services	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
182-550-3830, 182-550-7550	Hospital rules—Rural hospitals (ESSB 6194)	WSR 26-10-047 Filed 5/1/2026		
182-550-5500	Payments—Hospital-based RHCs		**CR-105** WSR 26-12-020 Filed 6/17/2026	
182-550-8100, 182-550-8200 (new)	Hospital—Assessment notices and timelines, hospital safety net supplemental directed payment to hospitals	WSR 26-08-050 Filed 3/26/2026	**CR-102** WSR 26-14-064 Filed 6/26/2026 Public hearing scheduled for 8/4/2026	
182-550A	Ambulatory surgery centers	*HCA intends to begin rule making soon.*		
182-551-2010, 182-551-2100, 182-551-2130, 182-553-300, 182-553-400	Definitions; Covered skilled nursing services; Noncovered services; Home infusion therapy and parenteral nutrition program—Provider requirements	WSR 24-15-086 Filed 7/19/2024	**CR-102** WSR 25-15-142 Filed 7/22/2025 Public hearing held 8/26/2025	
182-551-2230	Electronic visit verification—System requirements	WSR 24-05-023 Filed 2/12/2024		
182-565, Subchapter V	Health-related social needs, Subchapter V, nutrition supports, caregiver respite services, and home accessibility, remediation, and adaptation devices	WSR 25-14-114 Filed 7/1/2025		
182-566 (new)	Certified community behavioral health clinics	WSR 25-13-053 Filed 6/12/2025		
182-567 (new)	Contingency management	WSR 26-03-027 Filed 1/13/2026		
182-568 (new)	Children's long-term inpatient program and appeals	WSR 26-11-026 Filed 5/14/2026		

KEY:

CR: "Code reviser" on the rule-making forms produced by the office of the code reviser.

CR-101: Preproposal statement of inquiry filed under RCW 34.05.310.

CR-102: Proposed rule-making notice filed under RCW 34.05.320 or 34.05.340.

CR-103: Rule-making order permanently adopting a rule, and filed under RCW 34.05.360 and 34.05.380.

CR-105: Expedited rule-making proposal filed under RCW 34.05.353.

RCW: Revised Code of Washington.

WAC: Washington Administrative Code.

WSR: Washington State Register official filing reference number given by the office of the code reviser when a notice is filed.

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