



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**DATE: June 23, 2023**

**TIME: 8:39 AM**

**WSR 23-14-014**

**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 182-503-0535, Washington apple health – Citizenship and immigration status; WAC 182-507-0135, Immigration status requirement for refugee medical assistance (RMA); other related rules as appropriate.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The agency is amending WAC 182-503-0535 and WAC 182-507-0135 to update the parole period for certain Afghan refugees to qualify for refugee medical assistance. This change is required by federal law. The agency filed an emergency rule under WSR 23-14-013 to give this change immediate effect. During this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.

**Identify 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 and Office of Refugee Resettlement

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) 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 rulemaking (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:**

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