



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Health Care Authority, Washington Apple Health

Subject of possible rule making:

New rule section(s) in Chapter 182-550 WAC regarding potentially preventable hospital readmissions; WAC 182-550-2900, Inpatient hospital services; and other rules as appropriate.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Preventable inpatient hospital readmissions is a recognized issue at the federal and state level, affecting patient health and costing taxpayers unnecessary dollars. The new rules would support the reduction of unnecessary inpatient hospital readmissions, improve the quality of care, and reduce waste.

During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order 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: N/A

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.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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