



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (August 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Health Care Authority, Washington Apple Health

Subject of possible rule making:

WAC 182-550-2900 - Payment limits – Inpatient hospital services; WAC 182-550-3000 – Payment method; WAC 182-550-3840 – Payment adjustment for potentially preventable readmissions; Other related 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: The agency is repealing WAC 182-550-3840 and reinserting previous rule language regarding 14-day readmissions into WAC 182-550-2900 and 182-550-3000. The agency is making these changes because it has determined that restoring the 14-day readmission rule is the most clinically sound and cost-effective approach to managing readmissions. 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: NA

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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