



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 182-531-1675 Gender dysphoria treatment program; other 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:

In 2017, the agency began rulemaking on WAC 182-531-1675 filed under WSR 17-05-084 and held a public hearing on the proposed rules on June 27, 2017 (filed under WSR 17-11-140). After the reviewing the comments received at the public hearing, the agency reevaluated the project and has decided to make substantial changes and restart the rulemaking from the beginning.

This Preproposal Statement of Inquiry restarts the rulemaking. The agency is considering the following revisions to WAC 182-531-1675:

- Remove the four component structure
- Streamline the requirements for qualified health care providers
- Remove the requirement that each provider be recognized as an agency-designated Center of Excellence
- Remove the language regarding developing an individualized treatment plan
- Remove unnecessary administrative processes for the client and provider, including but not limited to multiple attestation forms
- Clarify which covered services require prior authorization
- Add facial masculinization and reversal of gender reassignment surgery to the list of noncovered services that the agency will review on a case-by-case basis for payment under exception to rule.

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.

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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