



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Subject of possible rule making:**

182-546-0200 Scope of coverage for ambulance transportation;  
182-546-0250 Ambulance services the department does not cover;  
182-546-0400 General limitations on payment for ambulance services;  
182-546-0500 Payment for ground ambulance services in special circumstances;  
182-546-0700 Payment limitations for air ambulance services;  
Other rules as appropriate..

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, E2HB 1358, 65<sup>th</sup> Legislature, 2017 Regular Session

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** This rulemaking is necessary to implement E2SHB 1358 which directs the agency to adopt standards for the reimbursement of health care services provided to eligible clients by fire departments pursuant to a community assistance referral and education services program under RCW 35.21.930. The standards must allow payment for covered health care services provided to individuals whose medical needs do not require ambulance transport to an emergency department. 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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