Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: New behavioral health rules to be added under Title 182 WAC; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160, RCW 41.05.762, 42 U.S.C. § 300x-25(a)

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: As authorized by 42 U.S.C. § 300x-25(a) and RCW 41.05.762, the agency intends to develop rules to establish a revolving fund for loans to operators of group homes supporting individuals recovering from substance abuse. During the course of this review, the agency 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: 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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