PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: 182-535-1270 Oral health connections pilot project; other related 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: The agency is amending these rules to extend the program through December 31, 2023, or until pilot funds are completely dispersed, whichever comes first. Additionally, age limits and dual eligibility exclusions are being removed. The enhanced rate will now include an additional periodic exam and adult prophylaxis as well as one fluoride varnish application, and one silver diamine fluoride treatment. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related 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: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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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