



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: New rulemaking under Chapter 182-521 WAC to provide for continued Medicaid coverage after the public health emergency (PHE) ends; 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: Certain Medicaid programs extended coverage to clients during PHE. Rulemaking is needed to avoid a gap in coverage between the time PHE ends and the time similar coverage is reinstated under Medicaid verification procedures that existed before the PHE. 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 Department of Social and Health Services

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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