## 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:
Chapter 182-551 WAC, Alternatives to hospital services, Subchapter II – Home health services; 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 2021-2023 operating budget included a proviso (Chapter 334, Laws of 2021, section 211(65)) specifying that certain appropriated funds are provided to reimburse social workers as part of the medical assistance home health benefit. The agency is amending home health rules in chapter 182-551 WAC, subchapter II, to include medical social services within the home health program. 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:
Department of Health, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

### Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [ ] Agency study
- [X] 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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### Additional comments:

### Date: September 29, 2021

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