**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:** 182-513-1350 - Defining the resource standard and determining resource eligibility for SSI-related long-term care (LTC) services; other related rules as appropriate.

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**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160, 42 U.S. Code Sec. 1396(p)

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**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The agency intends to increase the excess equity amount allowed for homeowners who are eligible for Apple Health long-term services and supports (LTSS) benefits to the maximum amount as allowed under federal law. State property values have increased substantially during the last several years, and this amendment would allow more homeowners who are otherwise eligible for LTSS benefits to receive them.

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**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

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**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- [x] 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.

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**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:**

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