



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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**DATE: June 20, 2023**

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**WSR 23-13-104**

**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Subject of possible rule making:**

182-550-2750 Hospital discharge planning services;  
182-550-2900 Payment limits – Inpatient hospital services;  
182-550-3800 Rebasing;  
182-550-3830 Adjustments to inpatient rates;  
182-550-4500 Payment method – Ratio of costs-to-charges (RCC);  
182-550-4700 Payment – Non-SCA participating hospitals;  
182-550-5425 Upper payment limit (UPL) payments for inpatient hospital services;  
182-550-7200 OPPS – Billing requirements and payment method;  
182-550-7550 OPPS payment enhancements;  
182-550-8000 Hospital safety net assessment (HSNA) program – Purpose;  
182-550-8100 Assessment notices – Process and timelines;  
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The agency is amending these rules to update terminology, revise rates approved by the Legislature, remove outdated information, and to make other general policy changes. During this review, HCA 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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