



# 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:** WAC 182-531-0200, Physician-related and health care professional services requiring prior authorization; WAC 182-531-0375, Audiology services; WAC 182-547-0850, Coverage—Clients age twenty-one and older; 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 revising these rules to include coverage for adult cochlear implants for Apple Health (Medicaid) clients. The legislature provided funding for adult cochlear implants in the 2023-2025 Omnibus Operating Budget. 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:** 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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Additional comments: N/A

**Date:** August 15, 2023

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**Signature:**