



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: New subchapter IV, titled Medical Respite Program, under Chapter 182-551 WAC Alternatives to Hospital Services; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160, [ESSB 5187, 68th Legislature, 2023 Regular Session, Sec. 215, \(64\)](#).

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The agency is proposing to add a new subchapter IV, titled Medical Respite Program, under Chapter 182-551 WAC Alternative to Hospital Services. During this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that 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 Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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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