



# 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:** Rules to be added under a new chapter, 182-565 WAC, related to the Health-Related Social Needs program; 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 developing rules to implement rent/temporary housing services provided through the Washington State Health-Related Social Needs (HSRN) services program. Under the Washington State Section 1115 Medicaid Demonstration waiver, the HSRN services program allows qualifying Medicaid enrollees to receive evidence-based, non-medical services to address unmet, adverse social conditions that contribute to poor health. The rent/temporary housing benefit provides stable independent living situations for people transitioning out of institutional care or congregate settings who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Payment may cover rent and/or short-term temporary stays for up to six months. 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:** Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

**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:

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