



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: Chapter 182-549 WAC Rural Health Clinics (RHC); 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 this chapter to clarify rules for RHCs applying for a change in scope rate adjustment and an interim-rate to final-rate adjustment. Additionally, the agency plans to add detailed clarification to the rules regarding adding dental services to an RHC through a change in scope application. 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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