



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: The Health Care Authority is creating new chapter 182-600 WAC for rules to support the long-term services and supports trust program (WA Cares). This chapter will address the portions outlined in RCW 50.04.020 which the authority is responsible for. Other related rules, if appropriate, may also be revised as a result of these new rules..

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 50B.04.020(2)(e), RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Health Care Authority is tasked with developing and adopting rules for implementing the responsibilities outlined in RCW 50B.04.020(2) for the WA Cares program. 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: Department of Social and Health Services and the Employment Security Department

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 (Rulemaking Questions) 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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