



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 182-533-0300 Services under First Steps

WAC 182-533-0310 Maternity support services – Purpose

WAC 182-533-0325 Maternity support services – Provider requirements

WAC 182-533-0330 Maternity support services – Covered services

WAC 182-533-0345 Maternity support services - Payment; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Second Engrossed Second Substitute Senate Bill 5580, Chapter 213, Laws of 2024, RCW 74.09.837, 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 these rules to comply with [RCW 74.09.837](#) and [2E2SSB 5580, Sec. 2](#) updating the maternity support services program to address perinatal outcomes and increase equity and healthier birth outcomes. Additionally, the agency is amending language to align with gender neutrality, updating screening requirements, adding care coordination with birth doulas, allowing telehealth, and adding an additional payment for a risk factor screening and a postpartum nurse home visit. 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

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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