



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Health Care Authority, Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) Admin #2026-01

**Subject of possible rule making:** Enrollment, eligibility, and appeals rules in Chapters 182-08, 182-12, and 182-16 WAC.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 41.05.021 and RCW 41.05.160

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The authority is reviewing multiple sections within Chapters 182-08, 182-12, and 182-16 WAC to support the PEBB Program.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** N/A

**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:

**Date:** January 21, 2026

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**Signature:**