



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
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WSR 25-16-079

Agency: Health Care Authority

☒ Original Notice

☐ Supplemental Notice to WSR _____

☐ Continuance of WSR _____

☒ Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 25-09-045 ; or

☐ Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or

☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

☐ Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject) 182-507-0125, State-funded long-term care services; 182-513-1319, State-funded programs for noncitizens who are not eligible for a federally funded program

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
September 9, 2025	10:00 AM	The Health Care Authority holds public hearings virtually without a physical meeting place	To attend the virtual public hearing, you must register in advance : https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_XEHU_cxwRm2RUCgQqEZ4rA If the link above opens with an error message, please try using a different browser. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the public hearing

Date of intended adoption: Not sooner than September 10, 2025 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

Name HCA Rules Coordinator

Address PO Box 42716, Olympia WA 98504-2716

Email arc@hca.wa.gov

Fax 360-586-9727

Other

Beginning (date and time) August 5, 2025, 8:00 AM

By (date and time) September 9, 2025, by 11:59 PM

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By (date) August 22, 2025

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The agency is streamlining eligibility for the state-funded long-term care program, including removing the age requirement and eliminating the disability determination requirement while retaining the functional eligibility requirement. The proposed rules also reflect necessary housekeeping revisions to align with organizational changes within the Department of Social and Health Services.

Reasons supporting proposal: See Purpose

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160

Statute being implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Federal Court Decision?

☐ Yes ☒ No

State Court Decision?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Health Care Authority

Type of proponent: ☐ Private. ☐ Public. ☒ Governmental.

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under [RCW 28A.305.135](#)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under [RCW 34.05.328](#)?

☐ Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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☒ No: Please explain: RCW 34.05.328 does not apply to Health Care Authority rules unless requested by the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee or applied voluntarily.

Regulatory Fairness Act and Small Business Economic Impact Statement

Note: The [Governor's Office for Regulatory Innovation and Assistance \(ORIA\)](#) provides support in completing this part.

(1) Identification of exemptions:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see [chapter 19.85 RCW](#)). For additional information on exemptions, consult the [exemption guide published by ORIA](#). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.061](#) because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by [RCW 34.05.313](#) before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of [RCW 15.65.570](#)(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

- ☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(3\)](#). Check all that apply:
- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b)
(Internal government operations) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e)
(Dictated by statute) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c)
(Incorporation by reference) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f)
(Set or adjust fees) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d)
(Correct or clarify language) | <input type="checkbox"/> RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g)
(i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit) |

☒ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under [RCW 19.85.025\(4\)](#). (Does not affect small businesses).

☐ This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW _____.

Explanation of how the above exemption(s) applies to the proposed rule: The proposed rules pertain to client program eligibility and do not impose costs on businesses.

(2) Scope of exemptions: *Check one.*

- ☒ The rule proposal: Is fully exempt. (*Skip section 3.*) Exemptions identified above apply to all portions of the rule proposal.
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is partially exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) The exemptions identified above apply to portions of the rule proposal, but less than the entire rule proposal. Provide details here (consider using [this template from ORIA](#)):
- ☐ The rule proposal: Is not exempt. (*Complete section 3.*) No exemptions were identified above.

(3) Small business economic impact statement: *Complete this section if any portion is not exempt.*

If any portion of the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

- ☐ No Briefly summarize the agency's minor cost analysis and how the agency determined the proposed rule did not impose more-than-minor costs. _____
- ☐ Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert the required small business economic impact statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

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Date: August 4, 2025

Name: Wendy Barcus

Title: HCA Rules Coordinator

Signature:



WAC 182-507-0125 State-funded long-term care services. (1) Caseload limits.

(a) The state-funded long-term care services program is subject to caseload limits determined by legislative funding.

(b) The ~~((aging and long-term support administration (ALTSA) or the developmental disabilities administration (DDA)))~~ home and community living administration (HCLA) must preauthorize state-funded long-term care service before payments begin.

(c) ~~((ALTSA or DDA))~~ HCLA cannot authorize a service, under chapter 388-106 WAC or under chapter 388-825 WAC, if doing so would exceed statutory caseload limits.

(2) **Location of services.** State-funded long-term care services may be provided in:

(a) The person's own home, defined in WAC 388-106-0010;

(b) An adult family home, defined in WAC 182-513-1100;

(c) An assisted living facility, defined in WAC 182-513-1100;

(d) An enhanced adult residential care facility, defined in WAC 182-513-1100;

(e) An adult residential care facility, defined in WAC 182-513-1100;

(f) A nursing facility, defined in WAC 182-500-0050, but only if nursing facility care is necessary to sustain life; or

(g) A residential habilitation center, defined in WAC 388-835-0010, that is an intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF/IID), defined in WAC 182-500-0050.

(3) **Client eligibility.** To be eligible for the state-funded long-term care services program, a person must meet all of the following conditions:

(a) General eligibility requirements for medical programs under WAC 182-503-0505, except (c) and (d) of this subsection;

(b) ~~((Be age 19 or older;~~

~~(e)))~~ Reside in one of the locations under subsection (2) of this section;

~~((d)))~~ (c) Attain institutional status under WAC 182-513-1320;

~~((e)))~~ (d) Meet the functional eligibility requirements under WAC 388-106-0355 for nursing facility level of care or under WAC 388-845-0030 for ICF/IID level of care;

(e) Meet the financial eligibility requirements under WAC 182-513-1315;

(f) Not have a penalty period due to a transfer of assets under WAC 182-513-1363;

(g) Not have equity interest in a primary residence more than the amount under WAC 182-513-1350; and

(h) Meet the requirements under chapter 182-516 WAC for annuities owned by the person or the person's spouse.

(4) **General limitations.**

(a) If a person entered Washington only to obtain medical care, the person is ineligible for state-funded long-term care services.

(b) Disability requirements under WAC 182-512-0050 do not apply to state-funded long-term care services.

(c) The certification period for state-funded long-term care services may not exceed 12 months.

~~((e))~~ (d) People who qualify for state-funded long-term care services receive categorically needy (CN) medical coverage under WAC 182-501-0060.

~~((5) Supplemental security income (SSI)-related program limitations.~~

~~(a) A person who is related to the SSI program under WAC 182-512-0050 (1), (2), and (3) must meet the financial requirements under WAC 182-513-1315 to be eligible for state-funded long-term care services.~~

~~(b) An SSI-related)~~ (e) A person who is not eligible for the state-funded long-term care services program under CN rules may qualify under medically needy (MN) rules under WAC 182-513-1395.

~~((e))~~ (f) The agency determines how much ~~((an SSI-related))~~ a person is required to pay toward the cost of care, using:

(i) WAC 182-513-1380, if the person resides in a nursing facility or residential habilitation center.

(ii) WAC 182-515-1505 or 182-515-1510, if the person resides in one of the locations listed in subsection (2)(a) through (e) of this section.

~~((6) Modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)-based program limitations.~~

~~(a) A person who is related to the MAGI-based program may be eligible for state-funded long-term care services under this section and chapter 182-514 WAC if the person resides in a nursing facility.~~

~~(b) A MAGI-related person is not eligible for residential or in-home care state-funded long-term care services unless the person also meets the SSI-related eligibility criteria under subsection (5)(a) of this section.~~

~~(c) A MAGI-based person does not pay toward the cost of care in a nursing facility.~~

~~(7))~~ (5) Current resource, income, PNA, and room and board standards are found at www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/program-standard-income-and-resources.

WAC 182-513-1319 State-funded programs for noncitizens who are not eligible for a federally funded program. (1) This section describes the state-funded programs available to a person who does not meet the citizenship and immigration status criteria under WAC 182-513-1316 for federally funded coverage.

(2) If a person meets the eligibility and incapacity criteria of the medical care services (MCS) program under WAC 182-508-0005, the person may receive nursing facility care or state-funded residential services in an alternate living facility (ALF).

(3) Noncitizens (~~((age nineteen or older))~~) may be eligible for the state-funded long-term care services program under WAC 182-507-0125. A person must be preapproved by the (~~((aging and long-term support administration (AL TSA)))~~) home and community living administration (HCLA) for this program due to enrollment limits.

(4) Noncitizens (~~((under age nineteen))~~) who meet citizenship and immigration status under WAC 182-503-0535 (2)(e) are eligible for:

(a) Nursing facility services if the person meets nursing facility level of care; or

(b) State-funded personal care services if functionally eligible based on a department assessment under chapter 388-106 or 388-845 WAC.