



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

## CR-105 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) WAC 182-503-0060 Washington apple health – Application processing times

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** Correct rule cross reference; replace initialization of “Washington apple health”

**Reasons supporting proposal:** The agency is making housekeeping changes only. WAC 182-503-0060(2) contains cross-references to WAC 182-503-0005(2) which need to be changed to WAC 182-503-0005(8). The agency will also edit the rule to replace instances of “WAH” with “apple health.”

**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:**

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| Federal Law?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

If yes, CITATION:

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

- Private  
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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** N/A

**Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:**

- Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;
- Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;
- Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;
- Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;
- Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or
- Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

**Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:**

- The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;
- The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;
- The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or
- Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

**Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4):**

**NOTICE**

**THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO**

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**Signature:**



**WAC 182-503-0060 Washington apple health (~~((WAH))~~)—Application processing times.** (1) We process applications for Washington apple health (~~((WAH))~~) (medicaid) within forty-five calendar days, with the following exceptions:

(a) If you are pregnant, we process your application within fifteen calendar days;

(b) If you are applying for a program that requires a disability decision, we process your application within sixty calendar days; or

(c) The modified adjusted gross income (MAGI)-based (~~((WAH))~~) apple health application process using Washington Healthplanfinder may provide faster or real-time determination of eligibility for medicaid.

(2) For calculating time limits, "day one" is the day we get an application from you that includes at least the information described in WAC 182-503-0005(~~((+2))~~) (8). If you give us your paper application during business hours, "day one" is the day you give us your application. If you give us your paper application outside of business hours, "day one" is the next business day. If you experience technical difficulties while attempting to give us your application in Washington Healthplanfinder, "day one" is the day we are able to determine, based on the evidence available, that you first tried to submit an application that included at least the information described in WAC 182-503-0005(~~((+2))~~) (8).

(3) We determine eligibility as quickly as possible and respond promptly to applications and information received. We do not delay a decision by using the time limits in this section as a waiting period.

(4) If we need more information to decide if you can get (~~((WAH))~~) apple health coverage, we will send you a letter within twenty calendar days of your initial application that:

(a) Follows the rules in chapter 182-518 WAC;

(b) States the additional information we need; and

(c) Allows at least ten calendar days to provide it. We will allow you more time if you ask for more time or need an accommodation due to disability or limited-English proficiency.

(5) Good cause for a delay in processing the application exists when we acted as promptly as possible but:

(a) The delay was the result of an emergency beyond our control;

(b) The delay was the result of needing more information or documents that could not be readily obtained;

(c) You did not give us the information within the time frame specified in subsection (1) of this section.

(6) Good cause for a delay in processing the application does NOT exist when:

(a) We caused the delay in processing by:

(i) Failing to ask you for information timely; or

(ii) Failing to act promptly on requested information when you provided it timely; or

(b) We did not document the good cause reason before missing a time frame specified in subsection (1) of this section.