



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.  
 Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes  No If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The agency is establishing rules for the Hospital Safety Net Assessment Program. The proposed rules:

- Describe the payment due date and the notifications sent out by the agency.
- Describe how and when the agency offsets amounts from scheduled payments to a hospital when that hospital has not timely paid its assessment.
- Establish a process to appeal the agency's action to offset amounts from scheduled payments.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: 182-550-8000, 182-550-8100

Repealed:

Amended:

Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, RCW 74.60.050

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 20-10-109 on May 6, 2020 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**


New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	<u>2</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	<u>2</u>	Amended	___	Repealed	___

<b>Date Adopted:</b> June 26, 2020	<b>Signature:</b> 
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NEW SECTION

**WAC 182-550-8000 Hospital safety net assessment (HSNA) program—**

**Purpose.** Chapter 74.60 RCW establishes the hospital safety net assessment (HSNA) program. The HSNA program imposes an assessment on certain Washington state hospitals that is used solely to increase funding from all other sources and support additional payments to hospitals for authorized medicaid services. The medicaid agency has authority to issue rules associated with the HSNA program under RCW 41.05.021 (1) (m) (iv) and 74.60.050(1).

NEW SECTION

**WAC 182-550-8100 Assessment notices—Process and timelines. (1)**

**Notification.** The medicaid agency sends hospital safety net assessment (HSNA) notices on or about thirty calendar days prior to the end of each quarter as required by RCW 74.60.030 (1) (a).

(2) **Payment due date.** Each hospital must pay its assessment in full by the due date listed in the HSNA notice.

(3) **First past-due notification.** If a hospital does not pay its HSNA assessment in full by the due date, the agency sends the hospital a past-due notice. The past-due notice informs the hospital of the actions the agency may take if the hospital's assessment becomes ninety calendar days past due.

(4) **Final past-due notification.** If a hospital does not pay its assessment in full within ninety calendar days of its due date stated in the HSNA notice, the agency sends the hospital a final past-due notice.

(a) The final past-due notice informs the hospital of the actions the agency takes, as required by RCW 74.60.050(2), to offset funds from the agency's scheduled payments to the hospital.

(b) The agency does not offset funds from managed care capitation payments, as described in RCW 74.60.130.

(5) **Appeal.** A hospital may appeal the actions the agency takes to offset funds by following the process outlined in WAC 182-502-0050.