



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Health Care Authority, Washington Apple Health

Subject of possible rule making:

WAC 182-554-500 Covered enteral nutrition products, equipment and related supplies – Orally administered – Clients twenty years of age and younger only – and other rules as appropriate.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

Placing a restriction on these rules is necessary to protect clients under one years of age who are receiving thickeners. The FDA has issued a warning not to give babies thickeners, particularly those born prematurely, because there is substantive evidence it puts them at risk of necrotizing enterocolitis. The recommendation is supported by American Academy of Pediatrics.

During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional changes that are required to improve clarity or update policy.

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

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

HCA 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, HCA will send a notice of proposed rulemaking (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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