



# 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 182-540-022, Kidney disease program (KDP)—Income eligibility

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:**

The agency is amending this rule to ensure that clients who receive Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs) to their Social Security benefits remain eligible for the Kidney Disease Program (KDP). In some cases, a COLA puts clients slightly above the KDP income limit. This amendment will exempt Social Security benefit COLAs and the first \$20 of monthly unearned income from KDP eligibility, consistent with SSI-related medical rules. The agency is also making some housekeeping changes to this rule.

**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.

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

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