



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 182-551-1510 Rates methodology and payment method for hospice agencies
Other related sections, as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 42 CFR 418 Subpart G Payment for Hospice Care

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

Revisions to the hospice rules are necessary to implement new CMS requirements for routine home care (RHC) rates. The current single RHC per diem payment rate will be replaced with a two-tiered payment model for RHC days. A service intensity add-on (SIA) payment is also being added as required by CMS. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order 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:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

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:

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