**Agency:** Health Care Authority  

**Subject of possible rule making:** New chapter 182-130-0100 Family Initiated Treatment (FIT)

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 71.34.670, 41.05.021, 41.05.160

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** As required in RCW 71.34.670 for family-initiated treatment, the authority intends to adopt rules to define “appropriately trained professional person” operating within their scope of practice within Title 18 RCW for the purposes of conducting mental health and substance use disorder evaluations under RCW 71.34.600(3) and 71.34.650(1). During the course of this review, the authority may identify additional related 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:**

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**  
- [ ] Negotiated rule making  
- [ ] Pilot rule making  
- [ ] Agency study  
- **[x]** Other (describe) The authority 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 authority will send a notice of proposed rulemaking (CR-102) to everyone receiving this notice and anyone who requests a copy.

**Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:**

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