Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making:
WAC 182-550-1700 Authorization and utilization review (UR) of inpatient and outpatient hospital services;
WAC 182-550-6250 Pregnancy—Enhanced outpatient benefits;
Other related rules as appropriate

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Health Care Authority (HCA) is amending these rules to update outdated references, terminology, and language to align with behavioral health integration. During the course of this review, HCA 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: Centers for Medicare and 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.

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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