# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
*(Implements RCW 34.05.310)*  
Do NOT use for expedited rule making

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<th><strong>Agency:</strong></th>
<th>Health Care Authority</th>
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<td><strong>Subject of possible rule making:</strong></td>
<td>WAC 182-550-6000 Outpatient hospital services-Conditions of payment and payment methods; other related rules as appropriate.</td>
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<td><strong>Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:</strong></td>
<td>RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160</td>
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<td><strong>Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:</strong></td>
<td>The agency is amending subsection (3)(c) of this rule, which states that the agency does not pay separately for certain services provided within one calendar day of an inpatient hospital admission. The agency is adding to this subsection to state that separate payments are not made for certain services provided within one calendar day of discharge. The agency also intends to remove subsections (6) and (7). These subsections reference the maximum allowable fee schedule and the hospital outpatient rate for payment of certain services. The agency is making these changes because it does not use these payment methods, but instead uses the enhanced ambulatory payment group (EAPG) method to determine payments, consistent with WAC 182-550-7200. During the course of this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required in order to improve clarity or update policy.</td>
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<td><strong>Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):</strong></td>
<td>☒ 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.</td>
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<td><strong>Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:</strong></td>
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