



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:

New sections in Chapter 182-550, Hospital services, for hospital safety net assessments.
Other rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.021, Chapter 74.60 RCW

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Health Care Authority (HCA) is implementing a safety net assessment on certain Washington hospitals. HCA will use the assessment solely to augment funding from all other sources and thereby obtain additional funds to restore recent reductions and to support additional payments to hospitals for medicaid services. The hospital safety net assessment and hospital safety net assessment fund will allow the state to generate additional federal financial participation for the medicaid program and provide for increased reimbursement to hospitals. During the course of this review, HCA 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: N/A

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

HCA 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, HCA 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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