



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103E (July 2011)
(Implements RCW 34.05.350)

Agency: Health Care Authority, Apple Health

Emergency Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) _____

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes
 - No
- If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The agency is amending this rule to clarify that adoption support and foster care alumni can opt out of the Apple Health Foster Care program for any reason.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed:
 Amended: 182-538-150, Apple health foster care program
 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160

Other authority :

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding:

WAC 182-538-150(3)(b) incorrectly cites to WAC 182-538-130. The rule must clarify that adoption support and foster care alumni can opt out of the Apple Health Foster Care program for any reason.

Date adopted: April 19, 2016

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**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:

New	_____	Amended	___	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 15-24-098, filed 12/1/15, effective 1/1/16)

WAC 182-538-150 Apple health foster care program. (1) Unless otherwise stated in this section, all of the provisions of chapter 182-538 WAC apply to apple health foster care (AHFC).

(2) The following sections of chapter 182-538 WAC do not apply to AHFC:

- (a) WAC 182-538-068;
- (b) WAC 182-538-071;
- (c) WAC 182-538-096; and
- (d) WAC 182-538-111.

(3) Enrollment in AHFC is voluntary for eligible individuals. The agency will enroll eligible individuals in the single MCO that serves children and youth in foster care and adoption support, and young adult alumni of the foster care system.

(a) The agency will not enroll a client in AHFC or will end an enrollee's enrollment in AHFC when the client has, or becomes eligible for, TRICARE or any other third-party health care coverage that would:

- (i) Require the agency to either exempt the client from enrollment in managed care; or
- (ii) End the enrollee's enrollment in managed care.

(b) An AHFC enrollee may request exemption from enrollment or termination of enrollment in AHFC without cause if the client is in the adoption support or young adult alumni programs (~~under~~). WAC 182-538-130 does not apply to these requests.

(4) In addition to the scope of medical care services in WAC 182-538-095, AHFC coordinates health care services for enrollees with the department of social and health services community mental health system and other health care systems as needed.

(5) The agency sends written information about covered services when the individual becomes eligible to enroll in AHFC and at any time there is a change in covered services. In addition, the agency requires MCOs to provide new enrollees with written information about:

- (a) Covered services;
- (b) The right to grievances and appeals through the MCO; and
- (c) Hearings through the agency.