



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

## CR-101 (October 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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**Agency:** Health Care Authority (HCA)

**Subject of possible rule making:** WAC 182-501-0070 Health care coverage – Noncovered services; 182-502-0002 Eligible provider types; 182-502-0003 Noneligible provider types; 182-531-0050 Physician-related services definitions; 182-556-0200 Chiropractic services for children; 182-556-0250 Acupuncture; other related rules as appropriate.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** [ESSB 5693, Chapter 297, Laws of 2022, Sec. 211 \(94\) & \(95\)](#), [ESSB 5187, Chapter 475, Laws of 2023, Sec. 211 \(42\) & \(43\)](#), RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** HCA is revising these rules to provide an adult chiropractic benefit, in alignment with Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5693, Section 211(95) and ESSB 5187, Sec. 211(43). In addition, the agency is adding rules to provide adult acupuncture benefits, in alignment with ESSB 5693, Sec. 211 (94) and ESSB 5187, Sec. 211(42). HCA is revising WAC 182-501-0070 to remove acupuncture, naturopathy, and chiropractic for adults from noncovered services. During 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:** None

**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.

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Additional comments:

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