



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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WSR 24-14-135

Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 182-504-0015, Washington apple health – Certification periods for categorically needy programs; WAC 182-505-0225, Children’s Washington apple health with premiums – Calculation and determination of premium amount; 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 agency is amending WAC 182-504-0015 and WAC 182-505-0225 so that the agency does not terminate Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage for nonpayment of premiums during a child’s continuous eligibility period and does not condition or delay enrollment on payment of unpaid premiums. The agency made these changes via emergency rule effective July 2, 2024, filed under WSR 24-14-119. The purpose of this rule making is to make those changes permanent. During this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that are required 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: United States Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

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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