



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: WAC 182-500-0075 Medical assistance definitions – N, 182-501-0135 Patient review and coordination (PRC), 182-531-0425 Collaborative care, 182-531-1300 Foot care services for clients twenty-one years of age and older, 182-531-1720 Tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling, 182-534-0200 Enhanced payments for EPSDT screens for children in out-of-home placement, 182-552-0001 Respiratory care - General; other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.021, RCW 41.05.160, Engrossed Substitute House Bill 2041, 68th Legislature, 2024 Regular Session.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The agency is revising these rules to remove the requirement that physician assistants work under the supervision of a physician. This change aligns with ESHB 2041 which authorizes physician assistants to enter into collaborative agreements with physicians to provide team-based care and enhance access to health care for people in Washington state. During the course of 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: Department of Health

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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Additional comments:

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