



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

CODE REVISER USE ONLY

OFFICE OF THE CODE REVISER
STATE OF WASHINGTON
FILED

DATE: January 15, 2025

TIME: 11:39 AM

WSR 25-03-082

Agency: Health Care Authority

Subject of possible rule making: 182-531-0850 Laboratory and pathology physician-related services reimbursement; 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 revising this section to update language in subsection (3)(d) allowing the agency to adjust fees using market research as necessary to align with other reimbursement WACs and the state plan amendment. During this review, HCA may identify additional related changes that improve clarity or update policy.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)

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:

Name: Valerie Freudenstein (Rulemaking Questions)
Address: PO Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716
Phone: 360-725-1344
Fax: 360-586-9727
TTY: Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS): 711
Email: valerie.freudenstein@hca.wa.gov
Web site: www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking

Other:

(If necessary)

Name: Wendy Steffens (Program Questions)
Address: PO Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504
Phone: 360-725-5145
Fax: 360-586-9727

TTY: Telecommunication Relay Services (TRS): 711

Email: wendy.steffens@hca.wa.gov

Web site: www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking

Other:

Additional comments:

Date: January 15, 2025

Name: Wendy Barcus

Title: HCA Rules Coordinator

Signature: