



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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WSR 22-09-051

**Agency:** Health Care Authority

**Subject of possible rule making:** Dental-related services; WAC 182-535-1082, Covered—Preventive services; 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 this rule to add language back in that was inadvertently struck in the final CR-103P rule text in WSR 21-14-055, effective August 2, 2021. The agency held a public hearing and agreed to a request to not strike subsection (5) regarding tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling for the control and prevention of oral disease. The agency covers tobacco/nicotine cessation counseling for pregnant women only. See WAC 182-531-1720. The agency agreed; however, the final rule text filed under WSR 21-14-055, effective August 2, 2021, inadvertently struck out subsection (5) anyway. 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:** The Centers 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:**

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Additional comments:

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