



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Home and Community Living Administration, WA Cares Fund Division

**Subject of possible rule making:** Department of Social and Health Services is considering new rules regarding financial management services vendors to address mileage reimbursements and other services provided by a financial management services vendor. Other rules may be created or amended as necessary.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 50B.04.020(3)(k)

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The rulemaking project is needed to address services offered by a financial management services vendor through the WA Cares Fund program. The rules will provide direction for beneficiaries choosing to use their benefit on services provided by a financial management services vendor.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** Employment Security Department and Health Care Authority. Coordination will occur between departments for consistent implementation of the WA Cares Fund Program under chapter 50B.04 RCW.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should

contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to 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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