



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: The Department of Social and Health Services is considering amending sections from Chapter 388-116 to update maximum rates (388-116-4020) and minimum qualifications for providers (388-116-3020). Other related rules may be created, amended, or repealed as necessary.

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

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The rulemaking project is needed to adjust maximum rates for inflation and amend minimum qualifications for home safety evaluation providers, and any others as identified by the department during the project.

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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