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 (department) is considering revising WACs 388-116-3020 and 388-116-3060 to establish action that may be taken by the department when a provider applicant or long-term services and supports provider has one or more license violations or deficiencies. Other related rules may be created or revised 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 department has identified risk for eligible beneficiaries when a provider applicant or long-term services and supports provider has unresolved license violations or deficiencies that may impact the approved service delivery. The department is considering adding additional information to rule to address department actions if this occurs.

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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