



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Aging and Long-Term Support Administration, WA Cares

**Subject of possible rule making:** The Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS) is creating rules in a new chapter in title 388 WAC for the Long-Term Services and Supports Trust Program (WA Cares). The rulemaking will address maximum rates for approved services provided by registered providers, and other related rules as appropriate.

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

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The department must adopt rules to establish rates for each approved service, and to consider commission recommendations related to maximum rates, usual and customary rates, regional differences, an exception process, and other topics necessary to adopt rates for WA Cares approved services.

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