



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Subject of possible rule making: Implementation of 2SHB 1065 (Chapter 427, Laws of 2019) – Balance Billing Protection Act

Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2019-04

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: Sections 10, 15 and 30 of Chapter 427, Laws of 2019

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The Balance Billing Protection Act establishes new requirements applicable to health carriers, hospitals, ambulatory surgical facilities, laboratories and several types of health care providers health care coverage or services in Washington state. Rules may be needed to define implementation processes and clarify terms related to several components of the new law. Such rules will facilitate implementation of the law by ensuring that all affected entities understand their rights and obligations under the law.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The WA State Department of Health (DOH) and the Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) share responsibility for enforcement of violations of the balance billing prohibition. The OIC has been, and will continue to coordinate with DOH on implementation of these provisions. DOH will participate in any OIC rule making related to enforcement.

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) Comments due by July 19, 2019


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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