



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2025-10

Subject of possible rule making: Implementation of SSB 5579 (Chapter 389, Laws of 2025) regarding public statements made by health carriers and providers on potential contract terminations.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060; Section 2(5) of SSB 5579.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 5579 (Chapter 389, Laws of 2025) was signed into law on May 20, 2025. SSB 5579 adds a new section to RCW 48.43 regulating public statements on potential contract terminations by health carriers and certain health care providers and facilities. SSB 5579 also contains requirements related to: (a) standard template notices to health plan enrollees regarding potential contract terminations; (b) inclusion of the law's requirements in health carriers' contracts with providers and facilities; and (c) OIC and the Department of Health (DOH)'s enforcement of the law.

Rulemaking may be necessary to implement SSB 5579 and ensure that interested organizations understand their rights and obligations under the new law. OIC may amend Chapter 284-170 WAC to accomplish this goal.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: OIC is considering promulgating regulations that apply to the health carriers it regulates. Other state and federal agencies regulate the subject of this potential rulemaking:

- The Washington State Health Care Authority (HCA) administers the Public Employees Benefits Board (PEBB) and School Employees Benefits Board (SEBB) programs. Sec. 3 of SSB 5579 applies the law's requirements to PEBB and SEBB.
- The Washington state Department of Health (DOH), along with its state boards and commissions, regulate and license many health care providers and facilities in Washington state. Because SSB 5579's requirements apply to certain health care providers and facilities, DOH has an enforcement role within the new law.

OIC will coordinate with HCA and DOH in any potential rulemaking, including giving these agencies an opportunity to submit comments and participate in public meetings.

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

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Please submit comments by August 22, 2025.

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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