



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

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**DATE: August 19, 2025**

**TIME: 9:24 AM**

**WSR 25-17-075**

**Agency:** Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2025-13

**Subject of possible rule making:** Implementation of E2SHB 1432 (2025), improving access to appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 48.02.060; Sections 2 and 9 of [Chapter 227, Laws of 2025](#); and RCW 48.43.016, RCW 48.43.410, RCW 48.43.520, RCW 48.43.535, RCW 48.43.600, and RCW 48.43.830 (to effectuate [Chapter 227, Laws of 2025](#)).

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** The Insurance Commissioner is considering rulemaking due to the recent passage of E2SHB 1432 and other changes in law. Multiple provisions of health care and insurance regulations in the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) may need to be updated by the OIC to be consistent with the legislation passed and codified in the Revised Code of Washington (RCW).

This rulemaking may include but is not limited to improving access to appropriate mental health and substance use disorder services. This rulemaking may create new sections in WAC chapter 284-43 and may include but is not limited to the following authorities: WAC 284-43 Subchapter K; WAC 284-43-0160; WAC 284-43-2000; WAC 284-43-2020; WAC 284-43-2021; WAC 284-43-2050; WAC 284-43-3030; WAC 284-43-3070; WAC 284-43-4040; WAC 284-43-5130; and WAC 284-170-130.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** The OIC is promulgating administrative regulations related to the commercial plans it regulates. However, there are other state agencies that may be affected by the legislation requiring this rulemaking.

The Health Care Authority (HCA) is affected by the new mental health and substance use disorder legislation. Therefore, the OIC will coordinate on this rulemaking with HCA by offering notice and opportunity for written comment or feedback with multiple participation forums.

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

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) Submit written comments by September 17, 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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