



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Office of the Insurance Commissioner

Subject of possible rule making: Amendment of WAC 284-30-330(16) to allow insurance companies to implement procedures for the processing and payment of claims to include other forms of payment, including, but not limited to, electronic funds transfer or a prepaid card.

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-12

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060 and RCW 48.30.010.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: When WAC 284-30-330(16) was adopted in 1987, electronic banking and transfer of funds did not exist to the extent that is available currently. With the availability of new methods of making payments that now exist, insurers could make payments of claims quicker and more efficiently if permitted to establish procedures to make payments in other forms rather than being restricted to just either check or drafts as currently required in WAC 284-30-330(16). Therefore, the Commissioner will consider adopting an amendment to this subsection that will allow insurance companies to establish procedures to make claims payments by additional methods.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

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

- Negotiated rule making
 Pilot rule making
 Agency study

X Other (describe) Submit written comments by: June 30, 2016.

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How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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