**Agency:** Office of the Insurance Commissioner

**Subject of possible rule making:**
Prior authorization processes and transparency

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2016-19

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**
RCW 48.02.060, 48.43.515, 48.43.520, 48.43.525, 48.43.530

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:**
In an effort to facilitate access to covered services, the Commissioner wishes to standardize the process of prior authorization when such a program is in effect. These rules are intended to streamline the prior authorization process and to ensure it is more transparent for consumers and providers.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**
- [ ] Negotiated rule making
- [ ] Pilot rule making
- [X] Agency study
- [ ] Other (describe)

Submit written comments by August 4, 2016.

**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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