



# 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:** General Filing Instructions for Carrier Submission of Provider Agreements and HCBM Contracts

Insurance Commissioner Matter R 2022-06

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 48.02.060, 48.19.035, 48.43.730, 48.43.731, 48.44.050, 48.46.200, and 48.200.900

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Requirements for the submission of provider agreements were originally placed in the Washington State SERFF Health and Disability Form Filing General Instructions. At that time, the Health Forms unit at the OIC reviewed both health forms and provider agreements. Now the subject matter expertise for review of provider agreements is located in the Provider Network Oversight Program at the OIC, and most carriers have a separate team for submission of these agreements, which have different filing requirements than health forms. Due to legislation passed in 2020 (2SSB 5601), carriers are also now required to file health care benefit manager (HCBM) contracts, which include provider network management and other services that direct provider activity. The subject matter expertise for the review of HCBM Contracting is located in the Provider Network Oversight Program that reviews provider agreements at the OIC. Health carriers similarly have units that specialize in these types of agreement and contracting arrangements. This rule will amend existing rules to establish unique general filing instructions for the submission of provider agreements and HCBM contracts by carriers.

**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
- Other (describe) Submit comments by: July 15, 2022

**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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