



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: Network Access

Insurance Commissioner Matter No. R 2014-08

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 48.02.060, 48.18.120, 48.20.450, 48.20.460, 48.43.505, 48.43.510, 48.43.515, 48.43.525, 48.43.530, 48.43.535, 48.44.020, 48.44.050, 48.44.080, 48.46.030, 48.46.200, 45 CFR 156.230, 45 CFR 156.235, 45 CFR 156.245.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Based on the significant changes in health care delivery and access to care occurring after January 1, 2014 due to health care reform, the commissioner determined that further updating of regulations regarding these topics is reasonable and necessary. Clarification of the provider network maintenance and contracting is needed to support issuer filings. Issuers will benefit from written guidance regarding the commissioner's review standards for network maintenance and contracting.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issues regulations implementing the Affordable Care Act. The commissioner's staff will confer with federal counterparts during the rule making process. The state health benefit exchange, while not a state agency, certifies qualified health plans to HHS for offering on the Exchange. The commissioner will include the Exchange in the rule development process as appropriate.

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

☐ Negotiated rule making

☐ Pilot rule making

☐ Agency study

☒ Other (describe) Submit written comments by: August 22, 2014.

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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:

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