



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making:

The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0020, "Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA.", WAC 388-478-0035, "What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA?", WAC 388-436-0050, "Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP.", and any other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.08.090 and RCW 74.08A.230

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:

The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0020, WAC 388-478-0035, WAC 388-436-0050, and any other related rules as may be required to implement a 9% increase in the payment standards for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), the financial need and benefit amount limits for the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP), and the 9% increase in the maximum earned income limits for the TANF, SFA, RCA, and the Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) programs.

WAC 388-478-0020, WAC 388-478-0035, and WAC 388-436-0050 were amended via emergency adoption on July 1, 2015 as WSR 15-15-005.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: NA

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

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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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