



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:

To amend WAC 388-450-0200, "Will the medical expenses of elderly persons or individuals with disabilities in my assistance unit be used as an income deduction for Basic Food?" and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:

RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.500, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, 7 CFR 273.9

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

To amend WAC 388-450-0200 to clarify that medical marijuana is not an acceptable medical expense.

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

The state legislature authorizes DSHS to administer the federal food stamp program, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) under RCW 74.04.500, 74.04.510, and food assistance for legal immigrants who are ineligible for the federal food stamp program under 74.08A.120.

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:

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

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