PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)
(Implements RCW 34.05.320)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

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

☒ **Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR:14-15-069; or**
☐ **Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR:__; or**
☐ **Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).**

☒ **Original Notice**
☐ **Supplemental Notice to WSR:**
☐ **Continuance of WSR**:

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

The Department is proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0015 "Need standards for cash assistance" to revise the basic need standards for cash assistance.

Hearing location(s):
Office Building 2 – Lookout Room
DSHS Headquarters
1115 Washington
Olympia, WA 98504
Public parking at 11th and Jefferson. A map is available at:
http://www1.dshs.wa.gov/msa/rpau/RPAU-OB-2directions.html

Date: **November 4, 2014** Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Date of intended adoption: Not earlier than November 5, 2014
(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:
Name: DSHS Rules Coordinator
Address: PO Box 45850
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e-mail DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov
fax (360) 664-6185
by: 5:00 p.m. November 4, 2014

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Jeff Kildahl, DSHS Rules Consultant by TTY (360) 664-6178 or (360) 664-6092 or by email at Kildaja@dshs.wa.gov

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The Community Services Division is proposing to amend WC 388-478-0015 in order to revise the basic need standards for cash assistance programs.

Reasons supporting proposal:

DSHS is required by RCW 74.04.770 to establish standards of need for cash assistance programs on an annual basis.

Statutory authority for adoption: 74.04.050; 74.04.055; 74.04.057; 74.04.770 and 74.08.090

Statute being implemented: 74.04.050; 74.04.055; 74.04.057; 74.04.770 and 74.08.090

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	☐ Yes	☒ No
Federal Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No
State Court Decision?	☐ Yes	☒ No

If yes, CITATION:

DATE
September 25, 2014

NAME (type or print)
Katherine Vasquez

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TITLE
DSHS Rules Coordinator

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STATE OF WASHINGTON
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DATE: September 30, 2014
TIME: 1:47 PM

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization)

Department of Social and Health Services

☐ Private
☐ Public
☒ Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

☐ Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

Phone: ( )
Fax: ( )
e-mail

☒ No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

These proposed rules do not have an economic impact on small businesses. The proposed amendment only affects DSHS clients by revising the need standards for cash assistance.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

☐ Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:
Name:
Address:

Phone: ( )
fax: ( )
e-mail:

☒ No: Please explain:

These amendments are exempt as allowed under RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vii) which states in-part, "[t]his section does not apply to….rules of the department of social and health services relating only to client medical or financial eligibility and rules concerning liability for care of dependents." This rule affects the need standards for cash assistance as outlined in WAC 388-478-0015.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-24-041, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14)

WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance. The need standards for cash assistance units are:

(1) For assistance units with obligation to pay shelter costs:

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	$((~~1,189~~)) 1,254
2	((~~1,504~~)) 1,587
3	((~~1,857~~)) 1,959
4	((~~2,191~~)) 2,312
5	((~~2,526~~)) 2,664
6	((~~2,860~~)) 3,017
7	((~~3,305~~)) 3,487
8	((~~3,658~~)) 3,859
9	((~~4,011~~)) 4,231
10 or more	((~~4,364~~)) 4,604

(2) For assistance units with shelter provided at no cost:

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	$((~~609~~)) 632
2	((~~770~~)) 799
3	((~~951~~)) 987
4	((~~1,122~~)) 1,165
5	((~~1,293~~)) 1,342
6	((~~1,465~~)) 1,520
7	((~~1,693~~)) 1,757
8	((~~1,873~~)) 1,944
9	((~~2,054~~)) 2,132
10 or more	((~~2,235~~)) 2,319