



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:16-13-052; 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
 DSHS Headquarters
 1115 Washington
 Olympia, WA 98504
 Public parking at 11th and Jefferson. A map is available at:
<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/rules-and-policies-assistance-unit/driving-directions-office-bldg-2>

Date: **October 25, 2016** Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Date of intended adoption: Not earlier than October 26, 2016
(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

Name: DSHS Rules Coordinator
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 Olympia, WA 98504
 e-mail DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov
 fax (360) 664-6185
by: 5:00 p.m. October 25, 2016

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

The Community Services Division is proposing to amend WAC 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: RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.770, RCW 74.08.090

Statute being implemented:
RCW 74.04.770

Is rule necessary because of a:

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|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
- If yes, CITATION:

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DATE: September 19, 2016

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DATE

September 15, 2016

NAME (type or print)

Katherine Vasquez

SIGNATURE

TITLE

DSHS Rules Coordinator

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."

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

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

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	\$((1,308)) <u>1,348</u>
2	((1,656)) <u>1,706</u>
3	((2,044)) <u>2,106</u>
4	((2,412)) <u>2,485</u>
5	((2,780)) <u>2,864</u>
6	((3,148)) <u>3,243</u>
7	((3,638)) <u>3,749</u>
8	((4,027)) <u>4,149</u>
9	((4,415)) <u>4,549</u>
10 or more	((4,803)) <u>4,949</u>

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

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	\$((665)) <u>645</u>
2	((842)) <u>816</u>
3	((1,039)) <u>1,008</u>
4	((1,226)) <u>1,189</u>
5	((1,413)) <u>1,371</u>
6	((1,600)) <u>1,552</u>
7	((1,849)) <u>1,794</u>
8	((2,047)) <u>1,986</u>
9	((2,244)) <u>2,177</u>
10 or more	((2,442)) <u>2,369</u>