



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR:17-12-029; 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:
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Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-450-0140 to comply with Federal Regulations for income allocation of ineligible assistance unit members of Basic Food households.

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: **September 5, 2017** Time: **10:00 a.m.**

Submit written comments to:

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 Address: PO Box 45850
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by: 5:00 p.m. September 5, 2017

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact:

Jeff Kildahl, DSHS Rules Consultant by August 22, 2017
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Date of intended adoption: Not earlier than September 6, 2017

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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

To comply with Federal Regulations regarding proration of the income of an ineligible assistance unit member. The proposed changes will reduce staff confusion and benefit errors in compliance with federal guidelines.

Reasons supporting proposal: See purpose statement above.

Statutory authority for adoption:

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057,
 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090, and 7 CFR 273.9.

Statute being implemented:

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
 Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 State Court Decision? Yes No
 If yes, CITATION:

DATE

July 21, 2017

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DSHS Rules Coordinator

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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.

The proposed rule does not have an economic impact on small businesses or non-profits. It only impacts DSHS clients.

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: ()

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e-mail:

No: Please explain:

These amendments are exempt as allowed under RCW 34.05.328(5)(b)(vii) which states in part, "this 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 388-450-0140 How does the income of an ineligible assistance unit member affect my eligibility and benefits for basic food? The department decides who must be in your assistance unit (AU) under WAC 388-408-0035. If an AU member is ineligible for basic food under WAC 388-408-0035, this affects your AU's eligibility and benefits as follows:

(1) We do not count the ineligible member(s) to determine your AU size for the gross monthly income limit, net monthly income limit, or maximum allotment under WAC 388-478-0060.

(2) If an AU member is ineligible because they are disqualified for an intentional program violation (IPV), ~~((they))~~ failed to meet work requirements under chapter 388-444 WAC, or ~~((they are))~~ is an ineligible fleeing felon((s)) under WAC 388-442-0010:

(a) We count all of the ineligible member's gross income as a part of your AU's income; and

(b) We count all of the ineligible member's allowable expenses as part of your AU's expenses.

(3) If an AU member is an ineligible able-bodied adult without dependents (ABAWD) under WAC 388-444-0030, is ineligible due to their alien status, failed to sign the application to state their citizenship or alien status, or refused to get or provide us a Social Security number:

(a) We ~~((allow the twenty percent earned income disregard for the ineligible member's earned income))~~ prorate the income of the ineligible member among all the AU members by excluding the ineligible member's share and counting the remainder to the eligible members;

(b) We ~~((prorate the remaining income of the ineligible member among all the AU members by excluding the ineligible member's share and counting the remainder to the eligible members; and))~~ allow the twenty percent earned income disregard for the ineligible member's earned income;

(c) We divide the ineligible member's allowable expenses evenly among all members of the AU when the ineligible member has income ~~((except that we do not divide the standard utility allowance (SUA).))~~

(d) We allow the full ((SUA based on the total number of members in your)) amount of the utility allowance the AU is eligible for under WAC 388-450-0195.