



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend 388-478-0020, Payment standards for TANF, SFA and RCA; WAC 388-478-0027, What is the payment standard for pregnant women assistance (PWA); 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 other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.660, RCW 74.08.090 and RCW 74.08A.230.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments will implement the 15% payment standard increase (effective July 1, 2021) for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), and Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) programs, approved via the 2021-2023 Operating Budget. Planned amendments will also update net income limits and allowable benefit amounts for the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP).

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

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 rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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