



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 WAC 388-449-0080, "Sequential evaluation process step IV—How does the department evaluate if I am able to perform relevant past work?" and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 41.05.021, 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 74.62.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: These amendments are necessary to align Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) program rules with Social Security Administration's revision of the definition of "past relevant work," by reducing the relevant work period from 15 to five years. If applicable, these amendments will make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

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

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.

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