



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (October 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.310)**

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**DATE: August 29, 2025**

**TIME: 2:08 PM**

**WSR 25-18-085**

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

**Subject of possible rule making:** The department is planning to amend WAC 388-418-0011, "What is a mid-certification review, and do I have to complete one in order to keep receiving benefits?" and other related rules as may be required.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.902.

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Planned amendments are necessary to comply with the approved federal waiver for the Elderly Simplified Application Project (ESAP), requiring periodic reviews every six months for the remaining months of the 36-month certification period when ESAP eligibility is lost due to a change of circumstance. 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:** US Department of Agriculture/Food and Nutrition Service administers SNAP provisions of the 2008 Food and Nutrition Act, as amended, codified in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). The department amends rules to align with the act, federal regulations, and FNS administrative notices and formal guidance. DSHS incorporates regulations from federal agencies, exercises state options, and implements approved waivers of federal regulatory requirements by adopting administrative rules for food assistance programs administered under the Washington Basic Food program.

**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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