



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

CR-103E (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.350 and 34.05.360)

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DATE: June 28, 2019

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WSR 19-14-055

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

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) July 1, 2019

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

- Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: The department is amending WAC 388-478-0027 "What are the payment standards for pregnant women assistance (PWA)?".

This change is necessary to increase the payment standard for the Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) program, effective July 1, 2019, based on the 2019-21 Operating Budget.

The department is currently proceeding with the permanent rule-making process and filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry as WSR 19-13-098 on June 19, 2019.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New: None
- Repealed: None
- Amended: WAC 388-478-0027
- Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.005, RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.08A.100, RCW 74.04.770, RCW 74.04.0052, RCW 74.04.655, RCW 74.08.043, RCW 74.08.335

Other authority: ESHB 1109 (Chapter 415, Laws of 2019)

EMERGENCY RULE

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this finding: Increasing the payment standard for the Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) program beginning July 1, 2019 with the start of the 2019-21 Operating Budget is necessary for the preservation of the public health and general welfare, as this program provides financial grants to persons who are pregnant and in need. Therefore, awaiting the normal rulemaking process and delaying increased financial support for recipients of this program would be contrary to the public interest.

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 12-10-042, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12)

WAC 388-478-0027 What are the payment standards for pregnant women assistance (PWA)? (1) The payment standards for PWA cash assistance units with obligations to pay shelter costs are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$((197))363

(2) The payment standards for PWA cash assistance units with shelter provided at no cost are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$((120))221