



RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: October 24, 2019

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WSR 19-22-002

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

Effective date of rule:

Emergency Rules

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) October 26, 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)?".

The 2019-21 Operating Budget included an increase to the PWA payment standard of \$363 for assistance units with an obligation to pay shelter costs or \$221 for assistance units with shelter provided at no cost. The department implemented this increase effective July 1, 2019 by filing an emergency CR-103E Rule-making Order as WSR 19-14-055 on June 28, 2019.

This second emergency Rule-making Order is needed while the department completes the permanent rulemaking process. The department filed a permanent CR-103 Rule-making Order as WSR 19-21-056 on October 11, 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- Repealed: None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 based on 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.

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: October 21, 2019

Name: Katherine I. Vasquez

Title: DSHS Rules Coordinator

Signature:



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