



# RULE-MAKING ORDER EMERGENCY RULE ONLY

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

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DATE: March 31, 2020

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

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify)

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

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The Community Services Division is creating WAC 388-437-0005, Changes to food assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, to implement changes to food assistance benefit issuances for March and April 2020 as provided in the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201) Section 2302.

**Citation of rules affected by this order:**

New: WAC 388-437-0005  
 Repealed: None  
 Amended: None  
 Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08A.120

**Other authority:** H.R. 6201

**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:** These changes are required to implement provisions of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (H.R. 6201) Section 2302.

**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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

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

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New \_\_\_\_ Amended \_\_\_\_ Repealed \_\_\_\_

**The number of sections adopted using:**

Negotiated rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____
Pilot rule making:	New	____	Amended	____	Repealed	____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	Amended	____	Repealed	____

**Date Adopted:** March 30, 2020

**Name:** Katherine I. Vasquez

**Title:** DSHS Rules Coordinator

**Signature:**



NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-437-0005 Changes to food assistance in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.** During the months of March and April 2020, assistance units (AU) eligible for either federal or state-funded food assistance, or both, will receive emergency allotments that bring the AU up to the maximum benefit. The amount is the maximum food assistance benefit allotment for the AU size under WAC 388-478-0060(1) less the amount received under WAC 388-450-0162(4)(b).