



RULE-MAKING ORDER

CR-103P (May 2009)
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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

Permanent Rule Only

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) May 1, 2016 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

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 creating WAC 388-493-0010 "Working family support" in order to implement the Working Family Support program that will provide additional food assistance to qualifying low-income families.

Citation of existing rules affected by this order:

Repealed: None
 Amended: None
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption:

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.08.090

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR **16-05-091** on February 16, 2016.
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

The department removed language stating that support services may be available to recipients of the Working Family Support program. This language change does not change the nature of the program being offered to clients.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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March 29, 2016

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**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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 in the agency's own initiative:

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

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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	<u>1</u>	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**Chapter 388-493 WAC
WORKING FAMILY SUPPORT**

NEW SECTION

WAC 388-493-0010 Working family support. (1) What is the working family support (WFS) program?

The working family support program is administered by the department of social and health services (Department) and provides an additional monthly food benefit from May 2016 through September 2016 to low income families who meet specific criteria. Continuance of the program beyond September 30, 2016 is contingent on specific legislative funding for the working family support program.

(2) The following definitions apply to this program:

(a) "Co-parent" means another adult in your home that is related to your qualifying child through birth or adoption.

(b) "Qualifying child" means a child under the age of eighteen who is:

(i) Your child through birth or adoption; or

(ii) Your step child.

(c) "Work" means subsidized or unsubsidized employment or self-employment. To determine self-employment hours, we divide your net self-employment income by the federal minimum wage.

(3) Who is eligible for the working family support program?

You are eligible for working family support food assistance if you meet all of the following:

(a) You receive food assistance through basic food, food assistance program for legal immigrants (FAP), or transitional food assistance (TFA);

(b) Receipt of working family support food assistance would not cause your countable food assistance income to exceed the two hundred percent federal poverty level (FPL);

(c) No one in your food assistance unit receives temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or state family assistance (SFA);

(d) A qualifying child lives in your home;

(e) You, your spouse, or co-parent, work a minimum of thirty five hours a week, and if you live with your spouse or co-parent, you must be in the same assistance unit;

(f) You provide proof of the number of hours worked; and

(g) You reside in Washington state per WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) How can I apply for working family support?

(a) The department will review your eligibility for the working family support program:

(i) When you apply for food assistance, or

(ii) At the time of your food assistance eligibility review.

(b) You may request the working family support benefit in person, in writing, or by phone at any time.

(5) How long can I receive working family support?

(a) You may recertify up to an additional six months for working family support if you meet the criteria listed above and provide current proof that you, your spouse, or co-parent works a minimum of thirty five hours a week.

(b) Working family support certification ends when:

(i) You complete either a certification or mid-certification review for food assistance under WAC 388-434-0010 or WAC 388-418-0011, and you do not provide proof of the number of hours that you, your spouse, or your co-parent work;

(ii) You no longer receive basic food, FAP, or TFA;

(iii) You receive TANF or SFA;

(iv) You do not have a qualifying child in your home;

(v) You, your spouse, or co-parent, no longer work a minimum of thirty five hours a week; or

(vi) You are no longer a resident of Washington state.

(6) What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for the working family support program?

(a) The assistance unit will receive a separate ten dollars monthly food assistance benefit each month.

(b) Working family support benefits are not prorated.