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WSR 23-23-054

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

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) January 1, 2024 (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 amending the following WAC sections:

WAC 388-436-0050, "Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP.", 388-478-0020, "Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA.", 388-478-0027, "What is the payment standard for pregnant women assistance (PWA)?", 388-478-0033, "What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?", and 388-478-0035, "What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA?"

Effective January 1, 2024, these amendments implement an 8% payment standard increase for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, State Family Assistance, Refugee Cash Assistance, Aged, Blind, or Disabled, and Pregnant Women Assistance programs, as approved via the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. The amendments also update net income limits and allowable benefit amounts for the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
 Repealed: None
 Amended: WAC 388-436-0050, 388-478-0020, 388-478-0027, 388-478-0033, and 388-478-0035
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.770, 74.08.090 & 74.08A.230

Other authority: 2024-2025 Operating Budget (ESSB 5187: Chapter 475, Laws of 2023)

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-17-009 on August 4, 2023 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	<u>5</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	Repealed	___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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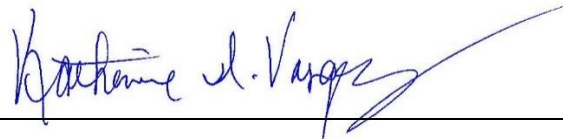
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	5	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: November 8, 2023

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Signature:



WAC 388-436-0050 Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP. (1) To be eligible for the consolidated emergency assistance program (CEAP), the assistance unit's nonexcluded income, minus allowable deductions, must be less than or equal to 90 percent of the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) payment standard. The net income limit for CEAP assistance units is:

Assistance unit members	Net income limit
1	(\$375) <u>\$405</u>
2	(475) <u>513</u>
3	(589) <u>636</u>
4	(694) <u>749</u>
5	(799) <u>863</u>
6	(908) <u>981</u>
7	(1,049) <u>1,132</u>
8	(1,160) <u>1,253</u>
9	(1,274) <u>1,376</u>
10 or more	(1,385) <u>1,496</u>

(2) The assistance unit's allowable amount of need is the lesser of:

(a) The TANF payment standard, based on assistance unit size, as specified under WAC 388-478-0020; or

(b) The assistance unit's actual emergent need, not to exceed maximum allowable amounts, for the following items:

Need item: Maximum allowable amount by assistance unit size:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more
Food	(\$253) <u>\$273</u>	(\$322) <u>\$348</u>	(\$397) <u>\$429</u>	(\$469) <u>\$507</u>	(\$539) <u>\$582</u>	(\$612) <u>\$661</u>	(\$699) <u>\$755</u>	(\$773) <u>\$835</u>	(\$864) <u>\$933</u>	(\$939) <u>\$1,014</u>
Shelter	(308) <u>333</u>	(390) <u>421</u>	(485) <u>524</u>	(572) <u>618</u>	(657) <u>710</u>	(744) <u>804</u>	(863) <u>932</u>	(952) <u>1,028</u>	(1,048) <u>1,132</u>	(1,139) <u>1,230</u>
Clothing	(36) <u>39</u>	(45) <u>49</u>	(56) <u>60</u>	(66) <u>71</u>	(76) <u>82</u>	(89) <u>96</u>	(98) <u>106</u>	(112) <u>121</u>	(127) <u>137</u>	(139) <u>150</u>
Minor medical care	(214) <u>231</u>	(273) <u>295</u>	(338) <u>365</u>	(397) <u>429</u>	(458) <u>495</u>	(516) <u>557</u>	(603) <u>651</u>	(665) <u>718</u>	(736) <u>795</u>	(800) <u>864</u>
Utilities	(105) <u>113</u>	(132) <u>143</u>	(163) <u>176</u>	(194) <u>206</u>	(220) <u>238</u>	(253) <u>273</u>	(292) <u>315</u>	(322) <u>348</u>	(354) <u>382</u>	(385) <u>416</u>
Household maintenance	(76) <u>82</u>	(97) <u>105</u>	(121) <u>131</u>	(140) <u>151</u>	(163) <u>176</u>	(185) <u>200</u>	(214) <u>231</u>	(235) <u>254</u>	(255) <u>275</u>	(277) <u>299</u>
Job related transportation	(417) <u>450</u>	(528) <u>570</u>	(654) <u>706</u>	(771) <u>833</u>	(888) <u>959</u>	(1,009) <u>1,090</u>	(1,165) <u>1,258</u>	(1,289) <u>1,392</u>	(1,416) <u>1,529</u>	(1,539) <u>1,662</u>
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(3) The assistance unit's CEAP payment is determined by computing the difference between the allowable amount of need, as determined under subsection (2) of this section, and the total of:

(a) The assistance unit's net income, as determined under subsection (1) of this section and WAC 388-436-0045;

(b) Cash on hand, if not already counted as income; and

(c) The value of other nonexcluded resources available to the assistance unit.

(4) The assistance unit is not eligible for CEAP if the amount of income and resources, as determined in subsection (3) of this section, is equal to or exceeds its allowable amount of need.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-21-054, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21)

WAC 388-478-0020 Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA. The maximum monthly payment standards for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), and refugee cash assistance (RCA) assistance units are:

Assistance unit size	Payment standard	Assistance unit size	Payment standard
1	((\$417) <u>\$450</u>)	6	((\$1,009) <u>\$1,090</u>)
2	((\$528) <u>\$570</u>)	7	((\$1,165) <u>1,258</u>)
3	((\$654) <u>706</u>)	8	((\$1,289) <u>1,392</u>)
4	((\$771) <u>833</u>)	9	((\$1,416) <u>1,529</u>)
5	((\$888) <u>959</u>)	10 or more	((\$1,539) <u>1,662</u>)

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-21-054, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21)

WAC 388-478-0027 What is the payment standard for pregnant women assistance (PWA)? The payment standard for a PWA cash assistance unit is:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	((\$417) <u>\$450</u>)

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-01-057, filed 12/14/22, effective 1/14/23)

WAC 388-478-0033 What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance? (1) The maximum monthly payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program assistance units are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	((\$417) <u>\$450</u>)
2	((\$528) <u>\$570</u>)

(2) ABD clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standards are listed in WAC 388-478-0006.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 21-21-054, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21)

WAC 388-478-0035 What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA? To be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), refugee cash assistance (RCA), or ((a)) pregnant women assistance (PWA), a family's gross earned income must be below the following levels:

Number of family members	Maximum earned income level	Number of family members	Maximum monthly earned income level
1	(((\$834)) <u>\$900</u>)	6	(((\$2,018)) <u>\$2,180</u>)
2	(((\$1,056)) <u>1,140</u>)	7	(((\$2,330)) <u>2,516</u>)
3	(((\$1,308)) <u>1,412</u>)	8	(((\$2,578)) <u>2,784</u>)
4	(((\$1,542)) <u>1,666</u>)	9	(((\$2,832)) <u>3,058</u>)
5	(((\$1,776)) <u>1,918</u>)	10 or more	(((\$3,078)) <u>3,324</u>)