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Permanent Rules

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- Other (specify) (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 adopting amendments to WAC 388-436-0065 "What is the pandemic emergency assistance fund (PEAF)?" These housekeeping amendments clarify the federal poverty level (FPL) year when considering PEAF eligibility, and do not change the effect of the rule.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
 Repealed: None
 Amended: 388-436-0065
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.250

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-01-066 on December 13, 2023 (date).
 Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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

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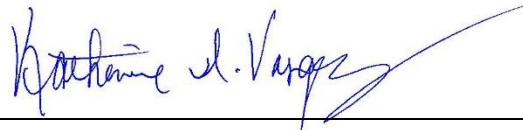
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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Date Adopted: February 22, 2024

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WAC 388-436-0065 What is the pandemic emergency assistance fund (PEAF)? (1) What is the pandemic emergency assistance fund (PEAF)?

The pandemic emergency assistance fund (PEAF) is administered by the department of social and health services and provides a one-time cash benefit to low income families with at least one qualifying child, to support them in meeting their basic needs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

(2) The following definitions apply to PEAFF:

(a) "Household" as defined in WAC 388-408-0015 or WAC 388-408-0035.

(b) "Qualifying child" means a child as defined in WAC 388-404-0005.

(3) Who is eligible for the PEAFF?

Each child in your household may be eligible for PEAFF if your child meets all of the following:

(a) A qualifying child lives in your home and has not already received PEAFF;

(b) The household is active, eligible, and receiving TANF, SNAP, SFA, or FAP benefits in the month of issuance;

(c) The reported household income, as defined in chapter 388-450 WAC, at the time of issuance is at or below 75% of the 2022 federal poverty level;

(d) You reside in Washington state as required under WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) How do I apply for the pandemic emergency assistance fund?

(a) The department automatically reviews your eligibility for PEAFF during the month of issuance:

(b) When you apply for TANF, SFA, SNAP, or FAP; or

(c) You are an active household receiving TANF, SFA, SNAP, or FAP.

(5) What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for PEAFF?

(a) PEAFF is issued only once per qualifying child.

(b) The amount of the PEAFF benefit is the same for each qualifying child and is determined based on:

(i) The amount of available PEAFF funding; and

(ii) The number of qualifying children in the month of issuance.