



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, Division of Child Support

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
- 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 purpose of this proposal is to make non-substantive technical changes to WAC 388-14A-5001 in light of the enactment of the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, chapter 63.30 RCW, effective January 1, 2023. The Washington State Legislature enacted the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act during the 2022 legislative session (Chapter 225, Laws of 2022). The proposed amended rule replaces a citation to the Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, chapter 63.29 RCW, with a citation to the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act, chapter 63.30 RCW. The proposal also makes other minor edits for grammatical purposes. DCS has a strong interest in ensuring that its rules align with relevant statutes. Our proposal will ensure members of the public reading the rule are properly referred to relevant up-to-date statutory provisions..

Citation of rules affected by this order:

- New:
- Repealed:
- Amended: WAC 388-14A-5001
- Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 26.23.035 and 34.05.353(1)(c)

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-07-027 on 03/12/2024 (date).
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

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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Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	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: May 30, 2024

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WAC 388-14A-5001 What procedures does DCS follow to distribute support collections?

(1) When distributing support collections, the division of child support (DCS) records collections in exact amounts of dollars and cents.

(2) DCS distributes support collections within two days of the date DCS receives the collection, unless DCS is unable to distribute the collection for one or more of the following reasons:

(a) DCS is unable to locate the payee and the payee has not signed up for electronic funds transfer (EFT) of disbursements;

(b) DCS does not have sufficient information to identify the accounts against which or to which it should distribute the money;

(c) An action is pending before a court or agency which has jurisdiction over the issue to determine whether child support is owed or how DCS should distribute the collection((=)) ;

(d) DCS receives prepaid child support and is holding it for distribution in future months under WAC 388-14A-5008;

(e) DCS mails a notice of intent to distribute support money under WAC 388-14A-5050;

(f) DCS receives federal tax refund offset collections, which are distributed according to WAC 388-14A-5005 and 388-14A-5010((=)) ;

(g) DCS may hold funds and not issue a check to the family for amounts under one dollar. DCS must give credit for the collection, but may delay disbursement of that amount until a future collection is received which increases the amount of the disbursement to the family to at least one dollar. If no future collections are received which increase the disbursement to the family to at least one dollar, DCS transfers the amount to the department of revenue under RCW ((63.29.130)) 63.30.040. This subsection does not apply to disbursements which can be made by EFT; or

(h) Other circumstances exist which make a proper and timely distribution of the collection impossible through no fault or lack of diligence of DCS.

(3) DCS distributes support collections based on the date DCS receives the collection, except as provided under WAC 388-14A-5005. DCS distributes support collections based on the date of collection. DCS considers the date of collection to be the date that DCS receives the support collection, no matter when the money was withheld from the noncustodial parent (NCP).

(4) Under state and federal law, the division of child support (DCS) disburses support collections to the:

(a) Department when the department provides or has provided public assistance payments for the support of the family;

(b) Payee under the order, or to the custodial parent (CP) of the child according to WAC 388-14A-5050;

(c) Child support enforcement agency in another state or foreign country which submitted a request for support enforcement services;

(d) Indian tribe which has a TANF program, child support program, ((and/)) or a cooperative agreement regarding the delivery of child support services;

(e) Persons or entity making the payment when DCS is unable to identify the person to whom the support is payable after making reasonable efforts to obtain identification information.

(5) If DCS is unable to disburse a support collection because the location of the family or person is unknown, it must exercise reasonable efforts to locate the family or person. When the family or person cannot be located, DCS handles the collection in accordance with chapter ((63.29)) 63.30 RCW, the Revised Uniform Unclaimed Property Act.

(6) WAC 388-14A-5000 through 388-14A-5015 contain the rules for the distribution of support collections by DCS.

(7) DCS changes the distribution rules based on changes in federal statutes and regulations. DCS may also change the distribution rules based on the state budget, but only to the extent allowed by federal law.