



# RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

**CR-103P (December 2017)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.360)**

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DATE: April 25, 2025

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WSR 25-10-017

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

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- ☐ 31 days after filing.  
☒ Other (specify) July 1, 2025 (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 388-478-0015, "Need standards for cash assistance." Effective July 1, 2025, these amendments are necessary per RCW 74.04.770, which requires the department to annually update standards of need using an existing, broadly-used national standard. The amendments reflect this required update using the University of Washington Center for Women's Welfare Self-Sufficiency Standard.

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

New: None  
Repealed: None  
Amended: WAC 388-478-0015  
Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-07-096 on March 18, 2025 (date).  
Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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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**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Federal statute:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Federal rules or standards:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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	<u>1</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	Repealed	_____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New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____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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**The number of sections adopted using:**

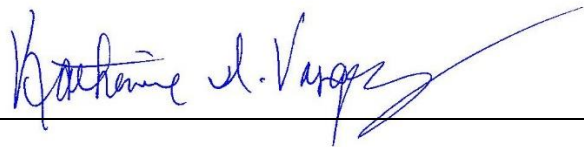
Negotiated rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Pilot rule making:	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
Other alternative rule making:	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

**Date Adopted:** April 25, 2025

**Name:** Katherine I. Vasquez

**Title:** DSHS Rules Coordinator

**Signature:**



AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-11-147, filed 5/22/24, effective 7/1/24)

**WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance.** The monthly need and payment standards for cash assistance are based on a determination of the assistance unit size. The need standards for cash assistance units are:

Assistance unit size	Need standard
1	<del>((3,732))</del> <u>3,816</u>
2	<del>((5,911))</del> <u>6,044</u>
3	<del>((7,270))</del> <u>7,433</u>
4	<del>((9,369))</del> <u>9,579</u>
5	<del>((11,229))</del> <u>11,481</u>
6	<del>((13,104))</del> <u>13,399</u>
7	<del>((14,998))</del> <u>15,335</u>
8	<del>((16,842))</del> <u>17,220</u>
9	<del>((18,890))</del> <u>19,314</u>
10 or more	<del>((21,888))</del> <u>22,379</u>