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Summary

WAC 388-436-0015, *Consolidated emergency assistance program (CEAP)*. **Has been changed to allow the department the right to discontinue program benefits issuances when state appropriated funding has been exhausted.**

WAC 388-436-0015 Consolidated emergency assistance program (CEAP).

1. CEAP is available to the following:
 - a. A pregnant woman in any stage of pregnancy; or
 - b. Families with dependent children, including families who have stopped receiving their TANF grant under [WAC 388-310-1600](#) so long as:
 1. The dependent child is living with a parent or relative or specified degree as defined under [WAC 388-454-0010](#); or
 2. The dependent child has lived with such relative within six months of the request for assistance.
2. Applicants must be residents of Washington state as defined in [WAC 388-468-0005](#).

3. Applicants must demonstrate a financial need for emergency funds for one or more of the following basic requirements:
 - a. Food;
 - b. Shelter;
 - c. Clothing;
 - d. Minor medical care;
 - e. Utilities;
 - f. Household maintenance supplies;
 - g. Necessary clothing or transportation costs to accept or retain a job; or
 - h. Transportation for a minor, not in foster care, to a home where care will be provided by family members or approved caretakers.
 4. Payment under this program is limited to one-time within twelve consecutive months for a period covering no more than thirty consecutive days.
 5. The department may discontinue program benefits issuances during periods of time when state funds appropriated for CEAP are exhausted.
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WAC 388-436-0020 CEAP assistance unit composition. Has strengthened the language of household composition for who can meet the eligibility for CEAP benefits .

WAC 388-436-0020 CEAP assistance unit composition.

1. The following persons living in the household must be included as members of the CEAP assistance unit:
 1. All full, half, or adopted siblings under eighteen years of age, including a minor parent; and
 2. The parent, adoptive parent, or stepparent living with the child or children.
2. The following persons living in the household do not have to be included but may be included as members at the option of the applicant:
 1. One caretaker relative of specified degree when the child's parent does not live in the home;
 2. Stepbrothers or stepsisters to all children in the assistance unit.
3. The following persons may make up a CEAP assistance unit without including others living in the home:
 1. The child of a parent who is a minor when the minor parent is not eligible due to the income and resources of his/her parents; or
 2. A pregnant woman when no other child is in the home.

4. The following persons living in the household are not included as members of the CEAP assistance unit:
 1. A household member receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
 2. A household member ineligible due to reasons stated in [WAC 388-436-0030](#).
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WAC 388-436-0030 Eligibility for CEAP depends on other possible cash benefits. This WAC revision makes CEAP a program of last resort, making it clear that you are not eligible for CEAP benefits if you or a household member is eligible for any other cash programs (language added to include Disability Lifeline)

WAC 388-436-0030 Eligibility for CEAP depends on other possible cash benefits.

1. You are ineligible for CEAP if you, or a household member, are eligible for any of the following programs:
 1. TANF or SFA, unless the family has had its cash grant terminated under [WAC 388-310-1600](#);
 2. RCA;
 3. Disability Lifeline (DL);
 4. Supplemental security income (SSI);
 5. Medical assistance for those applicants requesting help for a medical need;
 6. Food assistance for those applicants requesting help for a food need;
 7. Housing assistance from any available source for those applicants requesting help for a housing need;
 8. Unemployment compensation, veteran's benefits, industrial insurance benefits, social security benefits, pension benefits, or any other source of financial benefits the applicant is potentially eligible to receive.
2. The department may require the applicant, or anyone in the assistance unit, to apply for and take any required action to receive benefits from programs described in the above subsection (1)(a) through (h).
3. The department may not authorize CEAP benefits to any household containing a member who is:
 1. Receiving cash benefits from any of the following programs:
 1. TANF/SFA;
 2. RCA;

3. DCA; or
 4. DL.
2. Receiving reduced cash benefits for failure to comply with program requirements of TANF/SFA, or RCA.
4. The department may authorize CEAP to families reapplying for TANF/SFA who are not eligible for TANF cash benefits under [WAC 388-310-1600](#) until they complete the four week participation requirement.