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**Summary**

See below for edited text:

Added clarifying language regarding appropriate use of CPI and reviewing temporary absence rules for TANF.

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## Cash Assistance

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### Purpose:

This section contains information about cash assistance need and payment standards, eligibility standards based on income, and standards for ongoing additional requirements.

**WAC 388-478-0005** Cash assistance need and payment standards and grant maximum.

- [Clarifying Information](#)

[WAC 388-478-0006](#) The clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standard for cash assistance.

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[WAC 388-478-0035](#) What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA and RCA?

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## Clarifying Information - [WAC 388-478-0005](#)

DSHS is required by state law [[RCW 74.04.770](#)] to establish, on an annual basis, standards of need for cash assistance programs. These standards are based on studies of actual living costs for basic requirements. They may vary by program and family size.

Payment standards are based on assistance unit size and are used to determine eligibility and benefit levels for cash assistance.

The percentage difference between the need and payment standard for an assistance unit is called the ratable reduction. Starting July 1, 2012, the grant payment cannot exceed the payment standard for a family of eight listed in [WAC 388-478-0020](#).

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## Clarifying Information - [WAC 388-478-0006](#)

Defines ~~Outlines~~ the types of medical facilities or institutions where the CPI payment standard is used for TANF, SFA, PWA, ABD, cash, and RCA recipients who are in medical institutions or other defined facilities, for more than 90 days is the as defined, while a person is a resident, e, appropriate CPI amount. For TANF/SFA, refer to ~~See~~ [WAC 388-454-0015](#) to determine if temporary absence rules apply and if CPI is appropriate.

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## Clarifying Information - [WAC 388-478-0035](#)

To determine a family's gross earned income, see [WAC 388-450-0165](#).