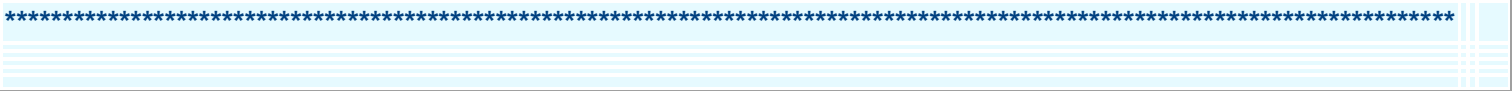


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Summary

Updated EA-Z Manual to reflect expansion of Ongoing Additional Requirements (OAR) effective April 1, 2024



Cash Assistance

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Purpose:

This section contains information about cash assistance need and payment standards, and 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.

- [Clarifying Information](#)

[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

DSSH 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.

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-478-0006

Defines the types of medical facilities or institutions where the CPI payment standard is used for TANF, SFA, PWA, ABD cash, and RCA while a person is a resident. For TANF/SFA, refer to [WAC 388-454-0015](#) to determine if temporary absence rules apply and if CPI is appropriate.

Clarifying Information - WAC 388-478-0035

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