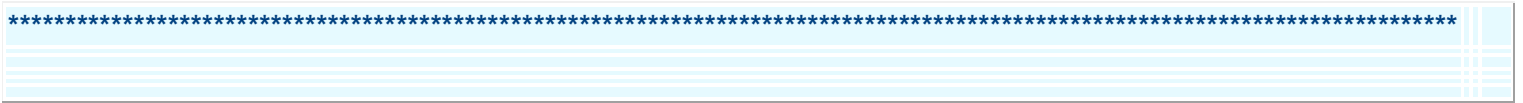


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Summary

Updated this page to align with changes approved via [Substitute Senate Bill 6495](#). Migrated procedural information to the CSD Procedures Handbook.



Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA)

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~~Purpose:~~

[WAC 388-400-0055](#) Who is eligible for the pregnant women assistance (PWA) program?

Clarifying Information—

1. ~~Financial Services~~Public Benefit Specialists and/or WorkFirst Program Specialists are responsible for verifying pregnancy and approving PWA benefits.

2. People who are **currently** ineligible for TANF due to sanction status in [WAC 388-310-1600](#) are not eligible for PWA.
3. People who are **currently** ineligible for TANF due to the 60-month time limit **and** do not meet [a Time Limit Extension \(TLE\) criteria-hardship category](#) may be eligible for PWA.
- ~~4. If the person does not provide requested pregnancy verification, deny the AU (refer to CSD Procedures Handbook: Finalizing an Application).~~
- ~~5. When screening PWA, choose the GS program type.~~
- ~~6. After approving PWA benefits, complete a Social Services Referral (DSHS 14-084).~~
4. PWA eligibility begins the date all verification is received, including verification of pregnancy, and continues to the end of pregnancy.
- ~~7-5.~~ Once an individual is determined eligible for PWA, their referral to the Housing and Essential Needs (HEN) program remains valid for 24 consecutive months. The individual is **not** required to meet any eligibility criteria outlined in WAC 388-400-0055 to **maintain** their referral to HEN.