



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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DATE: June 02, 2023

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

Subject of possible rule making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-436-0050, Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP, 388-478-0020, Payment standards for TANF, SFA and RCA, 388-478-0027, What is the payment standard for pregnant women assistance (PWA)?, 388-478-0033, What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?, 388-478-0035, What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA?, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.660, 74.08.090 and 74.08A.230

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments will implement an 8% payment standard increase (effective January 1, 2024) for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Aged, Blind, or Disabled cash assistance (ABD), and Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) programs, as approved via the 2024-2025 Operating Budget. Amendments will also update net income limits and allowable benefit amounts for the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP).

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe) DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should

contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the Office of the Code Reviser with a notice of proposed rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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