



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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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 the following WAC sections:

- WAC 388-400-0030, "Who is eligible for refugee cash assistance?"
- WAC 388-424-0001, "Citizenship and immigration status – Definitions."
- WAC 388-424-0006, "Citizenship and alien status – Date of entry."
- WAC 388-424-0015, "Immigration eligibility restrictions for the SFA, ABD cash, and PWA programs."
- WAC 388-424-0020, "How does my alien status impact my eligibility for federally funded Basic Food benefits?"
- WAC 388-424-0030, "How does my immigration status impact my eligibility for state-funded benefits under the food assistance program?"
- WAC 388-436-0002, "If my family has an emergency, can I get help from DSHS to get or keep our housing or utilities?"
- WAC 388-466-0005, "Immigration status requirements for refugee cash assistance."
- WAC 388-466-0120, "Refugee cash assistance (RCA)." and
- WAC 388-466-0150, "Refugee employment and training services."

During the course of this rule making, the department may amend or adopt 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, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Planned amendments will update definitions related to federal benefits for certain immigration statuses, and clarify eligibility information for Refugee Cash Assistance, refugee employment and training services, and the Additional Requirements for Emergent Needs (AREN) program. If applicable, these amendments will make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

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..

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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