



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 388-400-0060, "Who is eligible for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?", 388-400-0070, "Who is eligible for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?", 388-449-0200, "Am I eligible for cash assistance for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) while waiting for supplemental security income (SSI)?", 388-449-0210, "What is interim assistance and how do I assign it to the department?" and 388-474-0020, "What can an aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance client expect when supplemental security income (SSI) benefits begin?" and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.0052, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.025, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Effective October 1, 2025, planned amendments will implement provisions of ESHB 1260 (Chapter 289, Laws of 2023) which eliminate the requirement for ABD program recipients to repay the state for ABD benefits received for the same period as federal Supplemental Security Income (SSI). The monetary value of ABD benefits paid prior to October 1, 2025, that is duplicated by the person's receipt of SSI benefits for the same period remains a debt due to the state that is subject to recovery. 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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