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be stated below)
Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule? ☐ Yes ☑ No If Yes, explain:
Purpose : The department is amending WAC 388-422-0020, "What if you are afraid that cooperating with the division of child support (DCS) may be dangerous for you or the child in your care?"
The amendments clarify terms related to good cause for non-cooperation with the Division of Child Support under the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program.
Citation of rules affected by this order: New: Repealed: Amended: 388-422-0020 Suspended: none Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090.
Other authority:
PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making) Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-10-009 on April 22, 2022 (date). Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None
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WAC 388-422-0020 What if you are afraid that cooperating with the division of child support (DCS) may ((be dangerous)) cause physical or emotional harm for you or the child in your care? (1) You can be excused from cooperating with DCS when you have a good reason. A good reason not to cooperate is also called good cause. You have a good reason when you can prove that:

- (a) Cooperating with DCS would result in serious:
- (i) physical ((or emotional)) harm to you or the child in your care; or
 - (ii) emotional harm to you or the child in your care.
- (b) Establishing paternity or getting support would be harmful to the child who:
 - (i) Was conceived as a result of incest or rape; or
- (ii) Is the subject of legal adoption proceedings pending before a superior court; or
- (iii) Is the subject of ongoing discussions between you and a public or licensed child placement agency to decide whether you will keep the child or put the child up for adoption. The discussions cannot have gone on for more than three months.
- (2) Once you claim good cause for TANF/SFA, you have (($\frac{\text{twenty}}{20}$)) 20 days to give us the information that proves you have good cause not to cooperate with DCS. This information can include official records, sworn statements, or other information that supports your good cause claim. If you need to, you may ask for:
 - (a) More time to give proof; or
 - (b) Help in getting proof.
- (3) While we review your good cause claim, DCS does not take any action to establish or enforce support on your case.
 - (4) You have the right to:
- (a) Be told of your right to claim good cause for not cooperating with DCS;
- (b) Get benefits while we are deciding your good cause claim, as long as you have given the proof needed to make a decision;
- (c) Get a decision within (($\frac{\text{thirty}}{\text{thirty}}$)) $\frac{30}{\text{sol}}$ days from the date you made your good cause claim, as long as you have given the proof needed to make a decision within (($\frac{\text{twenty}}{\text{there}}$)) $\frac{20}{\text{sol}}$ days; and
- (d) Get information about how to request a fair hearing if we deny your good cause claim.
- (5) If we approve your good cause claim, we periodically review the claim depending on your circumstances.
- (6) To see what DCS does when good cause is approved see WAC 388-14A-2060.