



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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

Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- 31 days after filing.
 Other (specify) (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should 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 388-493-0010, Working family support, through the expedited rule making process for housekeeping purposes. The amendments remove obsolete dates and do not represent a policy change to Working Family Support.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
Repealed: None
Amended: WAC 388-493-0010
Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090

Other authority: Chapter 297, Laws of 2022, section 205(1)(c)

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 22-09-033 on April 12, 2022 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: N/A

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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___
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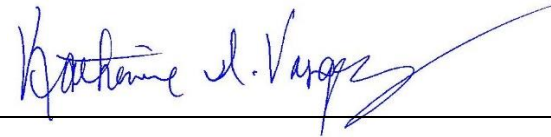
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: September 21, 2022

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WAC 388-493-0010 Working family support. (1) What is the working family support (WFS) program?

The working family support program is administered by the department of social and health services (department) and provides an additional monthly food benefit (~~((from May 2016 through June 30, 2021))~~) to low income families who meet specific criteria. Continuance of the program (~~((beyond June 30, 2021))~~) is contingent on specific legislative funding for the working family support program.

(2) The following definitions apply to this program:

(a) "Co-parent" means another adult in your home who is related to your qualifying child through birth or adoption.

(b) "Qualifying child" means a child under the age of (~~((eighteen))~~) 18 who is:

(i) Your child through birth or adoption; or

(ii) Your step-child.

(c) "Work" means subsidized or unsubsidized employment or self-employment. To determine self-employment hours, we divide your net self-employment income by the federal minimum wage.

(3) Who is eligible for the working family support program?

You may be eligible for working family support food assistance if you meet all of the following:

(a) You receive food assistance through basic food, food assistance program for legal immigrants (FAP), or transitional food assistance (TFA);

(b) Receipt of working family support food assistance would not cause your countable food assistance income to exceed the (~~((two hundred percent))~~) 200% federal poverty level (FPL);

(c) No one in your food assistance unit receives temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or state family assistance (SFA);

(d) A qualifying child lives in your home;

(e) You, your spouse, or co-parent work a minimum of (~~((thirty-five))~~) 35 hours a week, and if you live with your spouse or co-parent, you must be in the same assistance unit;

(f) You provide proof of the number of hours worked; and

(g) You reside in Washington state as required under WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) How may I apply for working family support?

(a) The department will review your eligibility for the working family support program:

(i) When you apply for food assistance, or

(ii) At the time of your food assistance eligibility review.

(b) You may request the working family support benefit in person, in writing, or by phone at any time.

(5) How long may I receive working family support?

(a) You may recertify up to an additional six months for working family support if you meet the criteria listed in subsection (3) of this section and provide current proof that you, your spouse, or co-parent works a minimum of (~~((thirty-five))~~) 35 hours a week.

(b) Working family support certification ends when:

(i) You complete either a certification or mid-certification review for food assistance under WAC 388-434-0010 or 388-418-0011, and you do not provide proof of the number of hours that you, your spouse, or your co-parent work;

- (ii) You no longer receive basic food, FAP, or TFA;
 - (iii) You receive TANF or SFA;
 - (iv) You do not have a qualifying child in your home;
 - (v) You, your spouse, or co-parent no longer work a minimum of (~~thirty-five~~) 35 hours a week; or
 - (vi) You are no longer a resident of Washington state.
- (6) What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for the working family support program?
- (a) The assistance unit will receive a separate (~~ten-dollars~~) \$10 monthly food assistance benefit each month.
 - (b) Working family support benefits are not prorated.
- (7) Enrollment in the working family support program is limited to (~~ten-thousand~~) 10,000 households per month.