



# EXPEDITED RULE MAKING

## CR-105 (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.353)

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DATE: May 24, 2023

TIME: 10:30 AM

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

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (describe subject) The Department is proposing amendments to WAC 388-450-0185, What income deductions does the department allow when determining if I am eligible for food benefits and the amount of my monthly benefits?

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:** These amendments correct a typographical error within the WAC.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** These amendments meet the criteria for expedited adoption as set forth in RCW 34.05.353, specifically subsection (1)(c): "The proposed rules only correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect."

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.010, 74.08A.120, and 74.08A.250.

**Statute being implemented:** N/A

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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| Federal Law?            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision?   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |

If yes, CITATION:

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Department of Social and Health Services

<input type="checkbox"/> Private
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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** None

**Expedited Adoption - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file this notice:**

- Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person;
- Adopts or incorporates by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule;
- Corrects typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect;
- Content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute;
- Have been the subject of negotiated rule making, pilot rule making, or some other process that involved substantial participation by interested parties before the development of the proposed rule; or
- Is being amended after a review under RCW 34.05.328.

**Expedited Repeal - Which of the following criteria was used by the agency to file notice:**

- The statute on which the rule is based has been repealed and has not been replaced by another statute providing statutory authority for the rule;
- The statute on which the rule is based has been declared unconstitutional by a court with jurisdiction, there is a final judgment, and no statute has been enacted to replace the unconstitutional statute;
- The rule is no longer necessary because of changed circumstances; or
- Other rules of the agency or of another agency govern the same activity as the rule, making the rule redundant.

**Explanation of the reason the agency believes the expedited rule-making process is appropriate pursuant to RCW 34.05.353(4):** These amendments correct a typographical error within the WAC.

**NOTICE**

**THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO**

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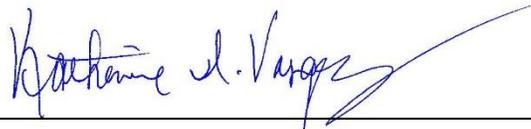
**AND RECEIVED BY** (date) July 25, 2023

**Date:** May 24, 2023

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**Signature:**



**WAC 388-450-0185 What income deductions does the department allow when determining if I am eligible for food benefits and the amount of my monthly benefits?** (1) We determine if your assistance unit (AU) is eligible for basic food and calculate your monthly benefits according to requirements of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 and federal regulations related to the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP).

(2) Under these federal laws, we subtract the following amounts from your AU's total monthly income to determine your countable monthly income under WAC 388-450-0162:

(a) A standard deduction based on the number of eligible people in your AU under WAC 388-408-0035:

Eligible AU members	Standard deduction
4 or fewer	\$193
5	\$225
6 or more	<del>(\$246)</del> <u>\$258</u>

(b) ~~((Twenty percent))~~ 20% of your AU's gross earned income (earned income deduction);

(c) Your AU's expected monthly dependent care expense needed for an AU member to:

(i) Keep work, look for work, or accept work;

(ii) Attend training or education to prepare for employment; or

(iii) Meet employment and training requirements under chapter 388-444 WAC;

(d) Medical expenses over \$35 a month owed or anticipated by an elderly or disabled person in your AU as allowed under WAC 388-450-0200; and

(e) A portion of your shelter costs as described in WAC 388-450-0190.