

**Chapter 388-473 WAC
ONGOING ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

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DISPOSITION OF SECTIONS FORMERLY CODIFIED IN THIS CHAPTER

388-473-0030 Home-delivered meals as an ongoing additional requirement. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 00-15-053, § 388-473-0030, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00.] Repealed by WSR 05-19-059, filed 9/16/05, effective 10/17/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090.

WAC 388-473-0010 What are ongoing additional requirements and how do I qualify? "Ongoing additional requirement" means a need beyond essential food, clothing, and shelter needs and is necessary to help you continue living independently.

(1) We may authorize ongoing additional requirement benefits if you are active in one of the following programs:

(a) Temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), or tribal TANF;

- (b) State family assistance (SFA);
- (c) Pregnant women assistance (PWA);
- (d) Refugee cash assistance (RCA);
- (e) Aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance;
- (f) Housing and essential needs (HEN) referral; or
- (g) Supplemental security income (SSI).

(2) You apply for an ongoing additional requirement benefit by notifying staff who maintain your public assistance that you need additional help to live independently.

(3) We authorize ongoing additional requirement benefits only when we determine the item is essential to you. We make the decision based on proof you provide of:

- (a) The circumstances that create the need; and
- (b) How the need affects your health, safety, and ability to continue to live independently.

(4) We authorize ongoing additional requirement benefits by:

- (a) Increasing your cash assistance benefit if you receive cash assistance; or
- (b) Issuing a cash benefit if you are a HEN referral or SSI recipient.

(5) We use the following review cycle table to decide when to review your need for the additional benefit(s).

REVIEW CYCLE	
Program	Frequency (Months)
TANF/RCA/ SFA/PWA	6 Months
ABD	12 Months
HEN referral	12 Months
SSI	24 Months
All	Any time need or circumstances are expected to change

(6) Monthly payment standards for ongoing additional requirements are described under WAC 388-478-0050.

(7) The department may discontinue the program benefit issuances when state funds appropriated for ongoing additional requirements are exhausted.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.08.283, and 2023 c 475. WSR 24-05-032, § 388-473-0010, filed 2/13/24, effective 4/1/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, 41.05.021, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15, 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10, and the 2013 biennial budget. WSR 15-02-006, § 388-473-0010, filed 12/26/14, effective 1/26/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-473-0010, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 05-19-059, § 388-473-0010, filed 9/16/05, effective 10/17/05; WSR 01-01-070, § 388-473-0010, filed 12/12/00, effective 2/1/01; WSR 00-15-053, § 388-473-0010, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00.]

WAC 388-473-0020 When do we authorize meals as an ongoing additional requirement?

(1) We authorize additional requirement benefits for meals when we decide all of the following conditions are true:

(a) You meet the criteria in WAC 388-473-0020;

(b) You are physically or mentally impaired in your ability to prepare meals; and

(c) Getting help with meals would meet your nutrition or health needs and is not available to you through another federal or state source; such as the community options program entry system (COPES), medicaid personal care (MPC), or informal support, such as a relative or volunteer.

(2) When we decide to provide meals as an additional requirement, we choose whether to authorize this benefit as restaurant meals or home-delivered meals.

(3) We authorize restaurant meals when:

(a) You are unable to prepare some of your meals;

(b) You have some physical ability to leave your home; and

(c) Home-delivered meals are not available or would be more expensive.

(4) We authorize home-delivered meals when:

(a) You are unable to prepare any of your meals;

(b) You are physically limited in your ability to leave your home; and

(c) Home-delivered meals are available.

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WAC 388-473-0040 Assistance for service animals as an ongoing additional requirement.

(1) "Service animal" means any dog or miniature horse, as discussed in RCW 49.60.040, that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual

with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability.

(2) We authorize benefits for food for a service animal if we decide the animal is necessary for your health and safety and supports your ability to continue to live independently.

(3) We authorize benefits for veterinary care for a service animal if we decide that a service animal has a medical necessity that would require treatment so that the service animal can continue to do the work or task the animal has been trained to perform.

(4) We authorize boarding for a service animal for a maximum amount of \$300.00 a year if we determine that you need medical or mental health care and are in a facility in which your service animal cannot reside and there is no one who can provide care for your service animal.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.08.283, and 2023 c 475. WSR 24-05-032, § 388-473-0040, filed 2/13/24, effective 4/1/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 49.60.040. WSR 07-10-043, § 388-473-0040, filed 4/26/07, effective 5/27/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 00-15-053, § 388-473-0040, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00.]

WAC 388-473-0050 Telephone and internet services as an ongoing additional requirement. (1) We authorize benefits for telephone services when we decide:

(a) Without a telephone, your life would be endangered, you could not live independently, or you would require a more expensive type of personal care; and

(b) You have applied for telephone assistance through a federal program.

(2) We authorize benefits for internet services when we decide:

(a) Without internet services, you could not live independently, or you would require a more expensive type of personal care; and

(b) You have applied for low-cost internet and need assistance paying the monthly bill.

(3) You are not eligible for benefits for telephone or internet services if you are receiving those services free of charge.

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WAC 388-473-0060 Laundry as an ongoing additional requirement. We authorize benefits for laundry when we decide:

(1) You are not physically able to do your own laundry; or

(2) You do not have laundry facilities that are accessible to you due to your physical limitations.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 00-15-053, § 388-473-0060, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00.]

WAC 388-473-0070 Transportation as an ongoing additional requirement. (1) We authorize assistance for transportation costs as an ongoing additional requirement when we decide you need assistance:

- (a) Getting to and from appointments; or
- (b) Taking care of activities to continue living independently.

(2) You are not eligible for assistance for transportation if you are receiving this service from another agency or program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.08.283, and 2023 c 475. WSR 24-05-032, § 388-473-0070, filed 2/13/24, effective 4/1/24.]

WAC 388-473-0080 Medically related items or services as an ongoing additional requirement. (1) We authorize the following benefits as a one-time payment within a 12 month period:

- (a) Dentures;
- (b) Optometrist visit for eye glasses;
- (c) Eye glasses;
- (d) Hearing aids.

(2) Benefits are issued after we determine:

(a) You did not qualify for the service or item from any state, federal, or private insurance coverage; or

(b) You have been unable to obtain a replacement through state, federal, or private insurance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.08.283, and 2023 c 475. WSR 24-05-032, § 388-473-0080, filed 2/13/24, effective 4/1/24.]