

# Chapter 388-478 WAC

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388-478-0026	Excluded resources for family medical programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530 and 2000 c 218. WSR 00-21-063, § 388-478-0026, filed 10/16/00, effective 12/1/00.] Repealed by WSR 02-05-004, filed 2/7/02, effective 3/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090.
388-478-0030	Payment standards for disability lifeline and ADATSA. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.08.090, 74.04.005, and 74.04.770. WSR 10-24-070, § 388-478-0030, filed 11/30/10, effective 1/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0030, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Repealed by WSR 12-10-042, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12. 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.
388-478-0040	Payment standard for persons in medical institutions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0040, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Decodified by WSR 13-01-017, filed 12/7/12, effective 1/1/13. Recodified as § 182-513-1300.
388-478-0045	Payment standard for persons in certain group living facilities. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.-055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0045, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Decodified by WSR 13-01-017, filed 12/7/12, effective 1/1/13. Recodified as § 182-513-1500.
388-478-0056	SSI state supplement standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.620, 74.04.630. WSR 00-24-056, § 388-478-0056, filed 11/30/00, effective 1/1/01.] Repealed by WSR 01-08-015, filed 3/23/01, effective 5/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057.
388-478-0065	Income and resource standards for family medical programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.-057, and 74.08.090. WSR 11-13-031, § 388-478-0065, filed 6/7/11, effective 7/8/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.530. WSR

05-15-080, § 388-478-0065, filed 7/14/05, effective 8/14/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.-050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0065, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0065, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710 and 388-508-0820.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-505-0245.	
388-478-0070	Monthly income and countable resource standards for medically needy (MN). [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 08-11-098, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/20/08, effective 6/20/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.-057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.530, and Section 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 06-06-013, § 388-478-0070, filed 2/17/06, effective 3/20/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.-057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-06-090, § 388-478-0070, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5. WSR 02-10-116, § 388-478-0070, filed 4/30/02, effective 5/31/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and Section 1924 (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 01-12-073, § 388-478-0070, filed 6/4/01, effective 7/5/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.09.575. WSR 00-10-095, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/2/00, effective 5/2/00; WSR 99-11-054, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/17/99, effective 6/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0070, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710, 388-507-0720, 388-511-1115, 388-518-1820, 388-518-1830, 388-518-1840 and 388-518-1850.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-519-0050.
388-478-0075	Medical programs—Monthly income standards based on the federal poverty level (FPL). [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.402, 74.09.470, and 2008 session law. WSR 09-07-086, § 388-478-0075, filed 3/17/09, effective 4/17/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.530, 74.09.700, and 2007 c 5. WSR 08-05-018, § 388-478-0075, filed 2/12/08, effective 3/14/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500 and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 06-16-026, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/24/06, effective 8/24/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.415, 74.09.530 and 2005 c 279. WSR 06-03-080, § 388-478-0075, filed 1/12/06, effective 2/12/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-17-157, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/22/05, effective 9/22/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057, 74.04.055, and 74.09.530. WSR 04-15-092, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/16/04, effective 8/16/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.-050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 03-15-088, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/17/03, effective 7/17/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.09.080, and 74.09.415. WSR 02-17-030, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/12/02, effective 9/12/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.510, and Section 1902 (a)(10)(A)(ii) (XV) and (XVI) of the Social Security Act. WSR 02-07-090, § 388-478-0075, filed 3/19/02, effective 4/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01; WSR 00-17-085, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/14/00, effective 9/14/00; WSR 99-19-005,

§ 388-478-0075, filed 9/3/99, effective 10/4/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0805, 388-508-0810, 388-509-0910, 388-509-0920, 388-509-0940 and 388-509-0960.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-505-0100.

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Supplemental security income (SSI) standards; SSI-related categorically needy income level (CNIL); and countable resource standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 08-11-098, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/20/08, effective 6/20/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.530, and Section 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 06-06-013, § 388-478-0080, filed 2/17/06, effective 3/20/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-06-090, § 388-478-0080, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05; WSR 04-16-107, § 388-478-0080, filed 8/3/04, effective 9/3/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5. WSR 02-10-116, § 388-478-0080, filed 4/30/02, effective 5/31/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and Section 1924 (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 01-12-073, § 388-478-0080, filed 6/4/01, effective 7/5/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.09.575. WSR 00-10-095, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/2/00, effective 5/2/00; WSR 99-11-054, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/17/99, effective 6/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0080, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1110.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-512-0010.

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Medicare savings programs—Monthly income standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500 and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 06-16-026, § 388-478-0085, filed 7/24/06, effective 8/24/06; WSR 05-17-157, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/22/05, effective 9/22/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 04-17-076, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/13/04, effective 9/13/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01; WSR 00-17-085, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/14/00, effective 9/14/00; WSR 99-19-005, § 388-478-0085, filed 9/3/99, effective 10/4/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0085, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-517-1715, 388-517-1730, 388-517-1750 and 388-517-1770.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-517-0100.

**WAC 388-478-0005 Cash assistance need and payment standards and grant maximum.** (1) Need standards for cash assistance programs represent the amount of income required by individuals and families to maintain a minimum and adequate standard of living. Need standards are based on assistance unit size and include basic requirements for food, clothing, shelter, energy costs, transportation, household maintenance and operations, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals.

(2) Payment standards for assistance units in medical institutions and other facilities are based on the need for clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (see WAC 182-513-1300 and 182-515-1500).

(3) Need and payment standards for persons and families who do not reside in medical institutions and other facilities are based on their obligation to pay for shelter.

(a) Eligibility and benefit levels for persons and families who meet the requirements in WAC 388-478-0010 are deter-

mined using standards for assistance units with an obligation to pay shelter costs.

(b) Eligibility and benefit levels for all other persons and families are determined using standards for assistance units who have shelter provided at no cost.

(c) For recent arrivals to Washington state who apply for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), see WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) Starting July 1, 2012, the monthly cash assistance grant for an assistance unit cannot exceed the payment standard for a family of eight listed in WAC 388-478-0020(1).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15. WSR 13-18-005, § 388-478-0005, filed 8/22/13, effective 10/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7. WSR 12-18-023, § 388-478-0005, filed 8/27/12, effective 9/27/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 11-21-024, § 388-478-0005, filed 10/11/11, effective 11/11/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-21-134, § 388-478-0005, filed 10/20/08, effective 10/28/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 04-05-010, § 388-478-0005, filed 2/6/04, effective 3/8/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0005, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0010 Households with obligations to pay shelter costs.** The monthly need and payment standards for cash assistance are based on a determination of assistance unit size and whether the assistance unit has an obligation to pay shelter costs.

Eligibility and benefit level is determined using standards for assistance unit with obligations to pay shelter costs. An assistance unit has an obligation to pay shelter costs if one of the members:

(1) Owns, purchases or rents their place of residence, even if costs are limited to property taxes, fire insurance, sewer, water, or garbage;

(2) Resides in a lower income housing project which is funded under the United States Housing Act of 1937 or Section 236 of the National Housing Act, if the household either pays rent or makes a utility payment instead of a rental payment; or

(3) Is homeless. Homeless households include persons or families who:

(a) Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; or

(b) Reside in a public or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations; or

(c) Live in temporary lodging provided through a public or privately funded emergency shelter program.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-16-024, § 388-478-0010, filed 7/26/99, effective 9/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0010, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance.** The need standards for cash assistance units are:

(1) For assistance units with obligation to pay shelter costs:

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	\$1,254
2	1,587
3	1,959
4	2,312
5	2,664
6	3,017
7	3,487
8	3,859
9	4,231
10 or more	4,604

(2) For assistance units with shelter provided at no cost:

Assistance Unit Size	Need Standard
1	\$632
2	799
3	987
4	1,165
5	1,342
6	1,520
7	1,757
8	1,944
9	2,132
10 or more	2,319

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 14-24-072, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/14, effective 1/1/15; WSR 13-24-041, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14; WSR 12-24-034, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/29/12, effective 1/1/13; WSR 11-24-021, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/11, effective 1/1/12; WSR 11-01-121, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/20/10, effective 1/1/11; WSR 10-04-111, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/3/10, effective 3/6/10; WSR 08-24-070, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/08, effective 1/1/09; WSR 07-24-033, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/07, effective 12/31/07; WSR 07-06-066, § 388-478-0015, filed 3/5/07, effective 4/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 06-05-102, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/14/06, effective 3/17/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 05-22-077 and 05-23-012, § 388-478-0015, filed 10/31/05 and 11/4/05, effective 1/1/06; WSR 05-01-074, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/9/04, effective 1/9/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 03-24-059, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/03, effective 1/1/04; WSR 03-23-116, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/18/03, effective 12/19/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 74.04.770. WSR 02-23-029, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/12/02, effective 12/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.04.200. WSR 01-11-108, § 388-478-0015, filed 5/21/01, effective 7/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.200. WSR 99-04-056, § 388-478-0015, filed 1/29/99, effective 3/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0015, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0020 Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA.** (1) The maximum monthly payment standards for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), and refugee cash assistance (RCA) assistance units with obligations to pay shelter costs are:

(11/26/14)

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard	Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$305	6	\$736
2	385	7	850
3	478	8	941
4	562	9	1,033
5	648	10 or more	1,123

(2) The maximum monthly payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA assistance units with shelter provided at no cost are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard	Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$185	6	\$447
2	235	7	517
3	290	8	572
4	342	9	628
5	394	10 or more	683

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW. WSR 11-16-029, § 388-478-0020, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-16-105, § 388-478-0020, filed 8/5/08, effective 9/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0020, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710.]

**WAC 388-478-0027 What are the payment standards for pregnant women assistance (PWA)?** (1) The payment standards for PWA cash assistance units with obligations to pay shelter costs are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$197

(2) The payment standards for PWA cash assistance units with shelter provided at no cost are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$120

[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, § 388-478-0027, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

**WAC 388-478-0033 What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?**

(1) The payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program assistance units with obligations to pay shelter costs are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment standard
1	\$197
2	\$248

(2) The payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance units with shelter provided at no cost are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$120
2	\$152

[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, § 388-478-0033, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

**WAC 388-478-0035 What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA and RCA?** To be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), refugee cash assistance (RCA), or a pregnant women assistance (PWA), a family's gross earned income must be below the following levels:

Number of Family Members	Maximum Earned Income Level	Number of Family Members	Maximum Monthly Earned Income Level
1	\$610	6	\$1,472
2	770	7	1,700
3	955	8	1,882
4	1,124	9	2,066
5	1,295	10 or more	2,246

[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, § 388-478-0033, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW. WSR 11-16-029, § 388-478-0035, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-16-105, § 388-478-0035, filed 8/5/08, effective 9/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0035, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0050 Payment standards for ongoing additional requirements.** An "ongoing additional requirement" is a continuing need that you have for which you require additional financial benefits in order to continue living independently. The "payment standard" for ongoing additional requirement benefits is the amount of money needed to pay for these items or services. We use the following payment standards for ongoing additional requirements approved under WAC 388-473-0020 through 388-473-0060:

(1) Restaurant meals: \$187.09 per month (or \$6.04 per day with the payment rounded down to the nearest dollar amount);

(2) Laundry: \$11.13 per month;

(3) Service animal food: \$33.66 per month;

(4) Home delivered meals: The amount charged by the agency providing the meals;

(5) Telephone: The local telephone flat rate for the area; or the Washington telephone assistance program (WTAP) rate, whichever is less.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 00-15-052, § 388-478-0050, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00; WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0050, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1110.]

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**WAC 388-478-0055 How much do I get from my state supplemental payments (SSP)?** (1) The SSP is a payment from the state to certain SSI eligible people (see WAC 388-474-0012).

(2) If you converted to the federal SSI program from state assistance in January 1974, because you were aged, blind, or disabled, and have remained continuously eligible for SSI since January 1974, the department calls you a grandfathered client. Social Security calls you a mandatory income level (MIL) client.

A change in living situation, cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) or federal payment level (FPL) can affect a grandfathered (MIL) client. A grandfathered (MIL) client gets a federal SSI payment and a SSP payment, which totals the higher of one of the following:

(a) The state assistance standard set in December 1973, unless you lived in a medical institution at the time of conversion, plus the federal cost-of-living adjustments (COLA) since then; or

(b) The current payment standard.

(3) The monthly SSP rate standards for eligible persons under WAC 388-474-0012 and individuals residing in an institution are:

SSP eligible persons	Standard
Individual (aged 65 and older)	\$40.00
Individual (blind as determined by SSA)	\$40.00
Individual with an ineligible spouse	\$40.00
Grandfathered (MIL)	Varies by individual based on federal requirements. Payments range between \$0.54 and \$199.77.

Medical institution	Monthly SSP Rate
Individual	\$27.28

(4) We may adjust the SSP rate standards at the end of the calendar year to comply with WAC 388-478-0057.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 13-22-037, § 388-478-0055, filed 10/31/13, effective 12/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 2008 c 329 § 207(8). WSR 08-16-067, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/31/08, effective 9/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 07-22-022, § 388-478-0055, filed 10/26/07, effective 11/26/07; WSR 06-16-071, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/28/06, effective 8/28/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 06-01-045, § 388-478-0055, filed 12/15/05, effective 1/15/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 04-07-024, § 388-478-0055, filed 3/8/04, effective 4/8/04; WSR 03-03-114, § 388-478-0055, filed 1/21/03, effective 2/23/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057. WSR 01-19-024, § 388-478-0055, filed 9/12/01, effective 11/1/01; WSR 01-08-015, § 388-478-0055, filed 3/23/01, effective 5/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 00-20-054, § 388-478-0055, filed 9/29/00, effective 11/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.057. WSR 00-11-130, § 388-478-0055, filed 5/22/00, effective 7/1/00; WSR 99-18-063, § 388-478-0055, filed 8/30/99, effective 10/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.630. WSR 99-04-103, § 388-478-0055, filed 2/3/99, effective 3/6/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1115.]

(11/26/14)

**WAC 388-478-0057 Adjustments to the SSI state supplement payments (SSP).** For the purposes of this rule, "we" refers to the department of social and health services. We are required by federal law to maintain the total SSI state supplement payments (SSP) at the same level each year, without an increase or decrease in total spending. We may adjust your SSI state supplement payment amount as necessary to comply with federal law.

(1) When there are unexpended funds, you will receive a one-time additional payment, usually at the end of the calendar year.

(2) When there is a shortage in available funds, we will decrease your SSP benefits to maintain the total SSP payment spending at the same level each year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 13-22-037, § 388-478-0057, filed 10/31/13, effective 12/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057. WSR 01-22-088, § 388-478-0057, filed 11/5/01, effective 12/6/01.]

**WAC 388-478-0060 What are the income limits and maximum benefit amounts for Basic Food?** If your assistance unit (AU) meets all other eligibility requirements for Basic Food, your AU must have income at or below the limits in column B and C to get Basic Food, unless you meet one of the exceptions listed below. The maximum monthly food assistance benefit your AU could receive is listed in column D.

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Column A Number of Eligible AU Members	Column B Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Column C Maximum Net Monthly Income	Column D Maximum Allotment	Column E 165% of Poverty Level
1	\$1,245	\$958	\$189	\$1,580
2	1,681	1,293	347	2,133
3	2,116	1,628	497	2,686
4	2,552	1,963	632	3,239
5	2,987	2,298	750	3,791
6	3,423	2,633	900	4,344
7	3,858	2,968	995	4,897
8	4,294	3,303	1,137	5,450
9	4,730	3,638	1,279	6,003
10	5,166	3,973	1,421	6,556
Each Additional Member	+436	+335	+142	+553

## Exceptions:

(1) If your AU is categorically eligible as under WAC 388-414-0001, your AU does not have to meet the gross or net income standards in columns B and C. We do budget your AU's income to decide the amount of Basic Food your AU will receive.

(2) If your AU includes a member who is sixty years of age or older or has a disability, your income must be at or below the limit in column C only.

(3) If you are sixty years of age or older and cannot buy and cook your own meals because of a permanent disability, we will use column E to decide if you can be a separate AU.

(4) If your AU has zero income, your benefits are the maximum allotment in column D, based on the number of eligible members in your AU.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and USDA, FNS, per SNAP Administrative Notice 13-26, SNAP - FY 2014 COLAS and ARRA Sunset Impact on Allotments dated August 2, 2013, and USDA SNAP 10-6-WA-SUA dated August 8, 2013, approving the proposed SUA. WSR 14-04-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 1/27/14, effective 2/27/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administrative Notice 12-28 - Fiscal Year 2013 cost-of-living adjustments dated August 6, 2012. WSR 12-24-018, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/27/12, effective 12/28/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2012 Cost of Living Adjustments"

memo dated August 2, 2011, and "SNAP Standard Utility (SUA) Annual Review and Adjustment Waiver for Certain States—Modification and Extension" memo dated December 2, 2010. WSR 11-24-027, § 388-478-0060, filed 12/1/11, effective 1/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 273.9. WSR 09-24-001, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/18/09, effective 12/19/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, 74.08A.120, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. WSR 09-14-018, § 388-478-0060, filed 6/22/09, effective 7/23/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 08-24-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/25/08, effective 12/26/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510 and 7 C.F.R. § 273.9. WSR 07-22-035, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/30/07, effective 11/30/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090 and 7 C.F.R. § 273.9. WSR 06-21-012, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/6/06, effective 11/6/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 05-21-101, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/18/05, effective 11/18/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 04-23-025, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/8/04, effective 12/9/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510. WSR 03-21-030, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/7/03, effective 12/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 02-21-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/14/02, effective 12/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510. WSR 01-21-059, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/16/01, effective 12/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.510, 74.08.090. WSR 00-23-013, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/3/00, effective 12/4/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.510. WSR 99-24-053, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/29/99, effective 12/30/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-16-024, § 388-478-0060, filed 7/26/99, effective 9/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090. WSR 99-05-074, § 388-478-0060, filed 2/17/99, effective 3/20/99. Statutory

Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0060, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0090 What are the monthly income limits for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance and housing and essential needs (HEN) referral program?** You must have countable income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0162, at or below the monthly income limit in order to receive aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance or a referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program.

(1) The ABD cash assistance and HEN referral monthly income limits for individuals with an obligation to pay shelter costs are:

Assistance Unit Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$339
2	\$428

(2) The ABD cash assistance and HEN referral monthly income limits for individuals with shelter provided at no cost are:

Assistance Unit Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$206
2	\$261

(3) The ABD cash assistance and HEN referral monthly income limits for individuals in medical institutions and group living facilities are:

Facility Type	Assistance Unit Size	Monthly Income Limit
Medical institutions (including nursing homes and hospitals)	1	\$41.62
Adult family homes	1	\$339.00
Boarding homes (including assisted living, enhanced residential centers (EARC), and adult residential centers (ARC))	1	\$38.84
Developmental disability administration (DDA) group homes	1	\$38.84
Mental health adult residential treatment facilities (ARTF)	1	\$38.84

[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, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-040, § 388-478-0090, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14.]