

**Chapter 388-437 WAC**  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR FOOD STAMPS**

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(2) If the President of the United States has declared a portion of the state as a federal disaster area, we ask FNS to allow use of the disaster food stamp program for the areas impacted by the disaster. Both of the following conditions must be met:

(a) People's normal access to buy food has been disrupted; and

(b) These commercial channels have since been restored with reasonable access and sufficient food supplies as determined by FNS.

(3) The department will implement any disaster food stamp program as approved by FNS.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 05-23-028, § 388-437-0001, filed 11/8/05, effective 12/9/05; WSR 98-16-044, § 388-437-0001, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]