

WAC 388-02-0180 What happens during a prehearing meeting? Dur-
ing a prehearing meeting:

(1) A DSHS representative:

(a) Explains the role of the DSHS representative in the hearing process;

(b) Explains how a hearing is conducted and the relevant laws and rules that apply;

(c) Explains your right to representation during the hearing;

(d) Responds to your questions about the hearing process;

(e) Identifies accommodation and safety issues;

(f) Distributes copies of the DSHS documents to be presented during the hearing;

(g) Provides, upon request, copies of relevant laws and rules;

(h) Identifies additional documents or evidence you may want or be required to present during the hearing;

(i) Tells you how to obtain documents from your file;

(j) Clarifies the issues; and

(k) Attempts to settle the dispute, if possible.

(2) You should explain your position and provide documents that relate to your case. You also have the right to consult legal resources.

(3) You and the DSHS representative may enter into written agreements or stipulations, including agreements that settle your dispute.

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