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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

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Purpose: The department is adopting amendments to WAC

388-460-0005 Can I choose someone to apply for basic food for my assistance unit?, to more accurately align rule language with statewide protocol for approving authorized representatives to apply for basic food assistance for an assistance unit in which they are not a member.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC

388-460-0005.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510.

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Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 03-22-038, filed 10/28/03, effective 12/1/03)

WAC 388-460-0005 Can I choose someone to apply for basic food for my assistance unit? Your basic food assistance unit (AU) can choose an adult who is not a member of the AU to act on their behalf. This is called an authorized representative.

(1) A responsible member of the AU can name, in writing, an authorized representative. A responsible member of the AU is either:

(a) The applicant;

(b) The applicant's spouse;

(c) Another member of the AU the applicant states is able to conduct business on behalf of all members in the AU.

(2) The AU's authorized representative has the authority to apply for basic food on the AU's behalf.

(3) If you receive basic food benefits in a qualified drug and alcohol treatment facility under WAC 388-408-0040, you **must** have an employee of the facility as your authorized representative for basic food.

(4) If the authorized representative provides information to the department that causes an AU to have an overpayment, the AU members are liable for the overpayment.

(5) An authorized representative may act on behalf of more than one basic food AU (~~(only if the community services office administrator approves)~~).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510. WSR 03-22-038, § 388-460-0005, filed 10/28/03, effective 12/1/03; WSR 03-03-072, § 388-460-0005, filed 1/15/03, effective 3/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-460-0005, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]