WSR 23-16-126 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (Economic Services Administration) [Filed August 1, 2023, 11:57 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-449-0001 What are the disability requirements for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) program?, 388-447-0001 What are the incapacity requirements for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050 and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These amendments will clarify program rules regarding disability requirements for aged, blind, or disabled cash and incapacity requirements for the housing and essential needs referral program. If applicable, planned amendments will also make additional changes required to improve clarity, update policy, or better align rule language with state and federal law or regulations.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: None.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Sam Del Vecchio, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 425-412-2787, email samantha.del-vecchio@dshs.wa.gov.

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