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## WSR 23-19-077 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES [Filed September 19, 2023, 9:24 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The following rules in the working connections and child care subsidy programs of the early learning division are being amended: WAC 110-15-0005 Eligibility, 110-15-0024 Categorical eligibility for families receiving child protective, child welfare, or family assessment response services, 110-15-0045 Approved activities for applicants and consumers not participating in Work-First, and 110-15-0075 Determining income eligibility and copayment amounts; other related rules.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: 2SSB 5225, 2SHB 1525; chapter 43.216 RCW.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: This rule making will expand eligibility to people working in licensed child care centers and licensed family homes, specialty and therapeutic court participants, and undocumented children. This rule making will also establish eligibility for families with a parent participating in a state-registered apprenticeship with income less than 85 percent of the state median income who, within the last year, were approved for working connections child care.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Toni Sebastian, phone 206-200-0824, email toni.sebastian@dcyf.wa.gov; or Amy Emerson, phone 360-972-5385, email amy.emerson@dcyf.wa.gov.

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