

WSR 24-03-155
EXPEDITED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed January 23, 2024, 4:45 p.m.]

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is proposing to amend WAC 388-437-0001 Disaster food stamp program.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The title of this rule and the rule itself refer to the "food stamp program." The current name of the program is the "supplemental nutrition assistance program." This amendment updates the wording to reflect current usage.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: These amendments meet the criteria for expedited adoption as set forth in RCW 34.05.353 (1)(c): "The proposed rules only correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect.["]

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: DSHS, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Carolyn Horlor, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, 360-764-0676.

This notice meets the following criteria to use the expedited adoption process for these rules:

Relates only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a person.

Corrects typographical errors, makes address or name changes, or clarifies language of a rule without changing its effect.

Explanation of the Reason the Agency Believes the Expedited Rule-Making Process is Appropriate: These amendments update outdated language of a rule without changing its effect.

NOTICE

THIS RULE IS BEING PROPOSED UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE AGENCY TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO Katherine I. Vasquez, DSHS, P.O. Box 45850, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-664-6097, fax 360-664-6185, email DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov, AND RECEIVED BY March 26, 2024.

January 23, 2024
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Chapter 388-437 WAC
EMERGENCY FOOD ASSISTANCE ((FOR FOOD STAMPS))

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 05-23-028, filed 11/8/05, effective 12/9/05)

WAC 388-437-0001 Disaster ((~~food stamp~~)) supplemental nutrition assistance program. (1) In the event of a disaster, the department works with the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition ((~~Services~~)) Service (FNS) to change some requirements for the Washington Basic Food program and help ensure that people in a disaster area have access to food. This is known as the disaster ((~~food stamp~~)) supplemental nutrition assistance program.

(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~~)) supplemental nutrition assistance 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~~)) supplemental nutrition assistance program as approved by FNS.