

**WSR 24-13-124**  
**PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY**  
**DEPARTMENT OF**  
**SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES**  
(Economic Services Administration)  
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-449-0080 Sequential evaluation process step IV—How does the department evaluate if I am able to perform relevant past work? and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 74.62.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: These amendments are necessary to align aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) program rules with Social Security Administration's revision of the definition of "past relevant work," by reducing the relevant work period from 15 to five years. If applicable, these amendments will 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: Not applicable.

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 Lorri Burns, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-4570, phone 509-385-9020, email [lorri.burns3@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:lorri.burns3@dshs.wa.gov).

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