WSR 24-14-141 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (Economic Services Administration) [Filed July 3, 2024, 9:08 a.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-492-0070 How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?, and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments will maintain alignment between Washington combined application project (WASHCAP) rules and federal requirements. As a means of maintaining cost neutrality, the United States Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (USDA/ FNS) periodically adjusts WASHCAP program standards.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: DSHS coordinates with USDA/FNS in administering the WASHCAP demonstration project. Planned amendments to this rule are in response to correspondence from USDA/FNS requiring adjustment to WASHCAP program standards.

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 Alexis Miller, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 253-579-3144, email alexis.a.miller@dshs.wa.gov.

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