

**WAC 388-14A-2005 When does an application for public assistance automatically become an application for support enforcement services?**

(1) When a custodial parent (CP) or physical custodian (also called the CP) applies for or receives cash assistance on behalf of a minor child, the family authorizes the division of child support (DCS) to provide full support enforcement services to the family.

(2) These services continue until the support enforcement case is closed under WAC 388-14A-2080.

(3) The CP's public assistance application is an assignment of support rights.

(4) An application for medicaid, medical assistance or medical benefits under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act is an assignment of the medical support rights of anyone receiving those benefits, and the CP authorizes DCS to provide support enforcement services to the family as follows:

(a) DCS provides full support enforcement services as provided under subsection (1) above for a family receiving cash assistance, or under WAC 388-14A-2000 (2)(d) to a family receiving medicaid-only benefits;

(b) As set forth in WAC 388-14A-2000(3), DCS provides only payment processing, records maintenance, paternity establishment, medical support establishment and medical support enforcement services when a recipient of medicaid-only benefits declines full support enforcement services in writing.

(5) WAC 388-14A-2036 describes the assignment of support rights.

(6) If the community services office grants the CP good cause not to cooperate under WAC 388-422-0020, DCS does not provide services. See WAC 388-14A-2065.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.20A.310, 45 C.F.R. 302.31 and 302.33. WSR 06-03-120, § 388-14A-2005, filed 1/17/06, effective 2/17/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 26.23.035, 34.05.220(1), 74.20A.310, 45 C.F.R. 303.106. WSR 01-03-089, § 388-14A-2005, filed 1/17/01, effective 2/17/01. Formerly WAC 388-14-205.]