

**WAC 388-855-0105 Petition for review.** (1) After a finding of responsibility becomes final in accordance with RCW 43.20B.340, the responsible party may petition for a review of such findings to the secretary. The petitioner must show a substantial change in the financial ability of the estate to pay the charges in a petition for review. The burden of proof of a change in financial ability rests with the petitioner.

(2) A petition for review shall be in writing and to the following address:

Secretary, DSHS  
Attn: Determination Officer  
P.O. Box 9768 MS HJ-21  
Olympia, WA 98504

(3) The determination officer, upon receipt of the petition for review, may conduct or cause to have conducted such investigation as may be necessary to verify the alleged changes in financial status or to determine any other facts which would bear upon the financial ability of the estate to pay.

(4) Based upon the review of the facts, the determination officer may modify or vacate the NFR under the provisions of RCW 43.20B.350.

(5) The NFR will not be modified or vacated, if such modification or vacation inflicts or causes the loss of medicaid eligibility; jeopardizes the eligibility for other third-party benefits; or has the potential end result of diminishing or jeopardizing the recovery of hospitalization cost by the department without a clear showing of real benefit, financial or otherwise, to the patient and/or responsible relatives.

(6) Nothing herein is intended to preclude the reinvestigation and/or review of the finding of responsibility by the department of its own volition.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20B.335, 43.20B.325, 72.01.090. WSR 01-01-007, recodified as § 388-855-0105, filed 12/6/00, effective 1/6/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.20B.335. WSR 90-23-071 (Order 3096), § 275-16-105, filed 11/20/90, effective 12/21/90. Statutory Authority: RCW 81.02.412 [71.02.412]. WSR 81-08-020 (Order 1627), § 275-16-105, filed 3/25/81.]