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WSR 21-14-116 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-412-0046 What is the purpose of DSHS cash and food assistance benefits and how can I use my benefits?, and other related rules as appropriate.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments are necessary to more closely align with 7 C.F.R. § 273.2 (n) (3) and § 274.7(a), which permit households to select who is allowed to purchase food for the household.

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: The department of social and health services (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 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 Patrick Budde, Economic Services Administration, Community Services Division, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 360-764-0068, fax 360-725-4905, email patrick.budde@dshs.wa.gov.

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