

**WSR 21-17-105**  
**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 planning to amend WAC 388-424-0001 Citizenship and alien status—Definitions, 388-466-0005 Immigration status requirements for refugee assistance, 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, and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments are necessary to allow special immigrants from Iraq and Afghanistan, who entered the United States as parolees (under Section 602 (B) (1) of Afghan Allies Protection Act of 2009 or Sec. 1059(a) of National Defense Authorization Act), to be eligible for federally funded benefits.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The community services division will coordinate review of proposed rule making with the health care authority.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in developing these 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 Olga Walker, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-725-4641, fax 360-725-4905, email [olga.walker@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:olga.walker@dshs.wa.gov).

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