## WSR 22-11-081 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (Economic Services Administration) [Filed May 17, 2022, 3:30 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-424-0015 Immigrant eligibility restrictions for the state family assistance, ABD cash, PWA programs, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 41.05.021, 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.04.820, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 74.62.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Effective July 1, 2022, HB 1748 (chapter 208, Laws of 2022) expands aged, blind, or disabled, housing and essential needs referral, and pregnant women assistance eligibility to include victims of human trafficking. This rule change will also update other definitions within WAC as needed.

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 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 Sanela Maksic, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 425-272-3880, fax 360-725-4905, email Sanela.Maksic@dshs.wa.gov.

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