WSR 22-11-083 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES (Economic Services Administration) [Filed May 17, 2022, 3:34 p.m.]

Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department is planning to amend WAC 388-418-0011 What is a mid-certification review, and do I have to complete one in order to keep receiving benefits?, 388-447-0130 What referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program rules may the department implement during a state of emergency?, 388-449-0230 What aged, blind or disabled (ABD) program rules may the department implement during a state of emergency?, 388-400-0060 Who is eligible for aged, blind or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.08.025, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 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, mid-certification reviews are no longer required for ABD program recipients.

The 2022 supplemental operating budget (ESSB 5693) includes funding to support this change.

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 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 Erin Summers, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504, phone 253-307-2118, email erin.summers@dshs.wa.gov.

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