

WSR 22-13-020
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 388-400-0030 Who is eligible for refugee cash assistance?, 388-466-0120 Refugee cash assistance (RCA), 388-466-0150 Refugee employment and training services, and other related rules as may be appropriate.

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

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Amendments are necessary to align department policies with authorization from the Office of Refugee Resettlement director to expand the eligibility period for refugee cash assistance from eight months to 12 months, pursuant to 45 C.F.R. § 400.211.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The department 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.

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