

WSR 22-19-095

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The department is amending WAC 388-493-0010 Working family support, through the expedited rule-making process for housekeeping purposes. The amendments remove obsolete dates and do not represent a policy change to working family support.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-493-0010.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090.

Other Authority: Section 205 (1)(c), chapter 297, Laws of 2022.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-16-133, filed 8/3/20, effective 9/3/20)

WAC 388-493-0010 Working family support. (1) What is the working family support (WFS) program?

The working family support program is administered by the department of social and health services (department) and provides an additional monthly food benefit (~~((from May 2016 through June 30, 2021))~~) to low income families who meet specific criteria. Continuance of the program (~~((beyond June 30, 2021))~~) is contingent on specific legislative funding for the working family support program.

(2) The following definitions apply to this program:

(a) "Co-parent" means another adult in your home who is related to your qualifying child through birth or adoption.

(b) "Qualifying child" means a child under the age of (~~((eighteen))~~) 18 who is:

(i) Your child through birth or adoption; or

(ii) Your step-child.

(c) "Work" means subsidized or unsubsidized employment or self-employment. To determine self-employment hours, we divide your net self-employment income by the federal minimum wage.

(3) Who is eligible for the working family support program?

You may be eligible for working family support food assistance if you meet all of the following:

(a) You receive food assistance through basic food, food assistance program for legal immigrants (FAP), or transitional food assistance (TFA);

(b) Receipt of working family support food assistance would not cause your countable food assistance income to exceed the (~~two hundred percent~~) 200% federal poverty level (FPL);

(c) No one in your food assistance unit receives temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) or state family assistance (SFA);

(d) A qualifying child lives in your home;

(e) You, your spouse, or co-parent work a minimum of (~~thirty-five~~) 35 hours a week, and if you live with your spouse or co-parent, you must be in the same assistance unit;

(f) You provide proof of the number of hours worked; and

(g) You reside in Washington state as required under WAC 388-468-0005.

(4) How may I apply for working family support?

(a) The department will review your eligibility for the working family support program:

(i) When you apply for food assistance, or

(ii) At the time of your food assistance eligibility review.

(b) You may request the working family support benefit in person, in writing, or by phone at any time.

(5) How long may I receive working family support?

(a) You may recertify up to an additional six months for working family support if you meet the criteria listed in subsection (3) of this section and provide current proof that you, your spouse, or co-parent works a minimum of (~~thirty-five~~) 35 hours a week.

(b) Working family support certification ends when:

(i) You complete either a certification or mid-certification review for food assistance under WAC 388-434-0010 or 388-418-0011, and you do not provide proof of the number of hours that you, your spouse, or your co-parent work;

(ii) You no longer receive basic food, FAP, or TFA;

(iii) You receive TANF or SFA;

(iv) You do not have a qualifying child in your home;

(v) You, your spouse, or co-parent no longer work a minimum of (~~thirty-five~~) 35 hours a week; or

(vi) You are no longer a resident of Washington state.

(6) What benefits will I receive if I am eligible for the working family support program?

(a) The assistance unit will receive a separate (~~ten dollars~~) \$10 monthly food assistance benefit each month.

(b) Working family support benefits are not prorated.

(7) Enrollment in the working family support program is limited to (~~ten thousand~~) 10,000 households per month.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090 and 2019 c 415. WSR 20-16-133, § 388-493-0010, filed 8/3/20, effective 9/3/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.040.055 [74.04.055],

74.04.057, 74.08.090 and 2017 3rd sp.s. c 1. WSR 17-23-050, §
388-493-0010, filed 11/9/17, effective 12/10/17. Statutory Authority:
RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 17-07-012, §
388-493-0010, filed 3/6/17, effective 4/6/17; WSR 16-08-034, §
388-493-0010, filed 3/30/16, effective 5/1/16.]