

WSR 24-11-147

PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: July 1, 2024.

Purpose: The department of social and health services (department) is adopting amendments to WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance.

These amendments are necessary per RCW 74.04.770, which requires the department to annually update standards of need using an existing, broadly-used national standard. The amendments reflect this required update using the University of Washington Center for Women's Welfare Self-Sufficiency Standard.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-478-0015.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090.

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 24-08-070 on April 2, 2024.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 23-12-053, filed 6/1/23, effective 7/2/23)

WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance. The monthly need and payment standards for cash assistance are based on a determination of the assistance unit size. The need standards for cash assistance units are:

Assistance unit size	Need standard
1	\$((3,258)) <u>3,732</u>
2	((5,290)) <u>5,911</u>
3	((6,396)) <u>7,270</u>
4	((8,359)) <u>9,369</u>

Assistance unit size	Need standard
5	((9,872)) <u>11,229</u>
6	((11,463)) <u>13,104</u>
7	((13,081)) <u>14,998</u>
8	((14,542)) <u>16,842</u>
9	((16,428)) <u>18,890</u>
10 or more	((19,017)) <u>21,888</u>