Chapter 388-315 WAC
TRIBAL TANF

WAC 388-315-1000 Tribal TANF—Overview—Why do we have state rules regarding tribal temporary assistance for needy families program and state maintenance of effort funds? (1) Under RCW 74.08A.040, the department of social and health services is required to adopt rules regarding state maintenance of effort and reporting requirements for tribal TANF programs.

(2) When statutorily required to adopt rules, the department must enact regulations in the Washington Administrative Code consistent with the Administrative Procedure Act.

(3) The department is adopting these rules so that everyone has an understanding of what is required.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08A.040. WSR 12-24-013, § 388-315-1000, filed 11/27/12, effective 1/1/13.]

WAC 388-315-1050 Tribal TANF—Overview—What is state maintenance of effort? State maintenance of effort is a federal TANF requirement that a state shall spend at least a specified amount, as required by 45 C.F.R. 263.1, of state funds for benefits and services for members of needy families each year. A broad, but not unlimited, array of benefits and services for low-income families with children can count toward satisfying a state’s maintenance of effort obligation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08A.040. WSR 12-24-013, § 388-315-1050, filed 11/27/12, effective 1/1/13.]

WAC 388-315-1100 Tribal TANF—Overview—Do tribal TANF programs receive state maintenance of effort funds? Yes. A tribe or a consortium of tribes may elect to operate a tribal TANF program under 45 C.F.R. 286. Per RCW 74.08A.040, the department shall transfer a fair and equitable amount of the TANF state maintenance of effort funds to eligible tribes, or consortium of tribes, within Washington State upon approval of a tribal TANF program by the secretary of the federal department of health and human services.

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