

**WAC 110-50-0550 Scope of administrative hearing.** When making a determination during administrative hearings, administrative law judges (ALJ):

- (1) May only consider the following if the:
  - (a) Standardized assessment process was not followed;
  - (b) Information obtained for the initial rate determination was not documented on the standardized assessment tool; or
  - (c) New information provided by the foster parents for the department review was not accurately documented on the standardized assessment tool.
- (2) Must apply the rules in this chapter during the administrative hearing.
- (3) Must not:
  - (a) Consider:
    - (i) Information about children or youth:
      - (A) Outside the standardized assessment tool;
      - (B) That was not provided to the department at the time of the:
        - (I) Initial or ongoing completion of the standardized assessment tool; or
        - (II) Department review requested by the foster parents.
      - (ii) Challenges to the:
        - (A) Established foster care rates;
        - (B) Standardized assessment tool; or
        - (C) The foster care rate assessment program.
    - (b) Make a determination that conflicts with a properly completed standardized assessment tool.

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