

**WSR 21-17-068**  
**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 proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance, and other rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The department is required by RCW 74.04.770 to establish standards of need for cash assistance programs on an annual basis.

Process for Developing New Rule: The department of social and health services (DSHS) welcomes the public to take part in developing the 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 Sarah Garcia, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-522-2214, fax 360-725-4905, email roddisl@dshs.wa.gov.

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