

WSR 22-09-072  
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 planning to amend WAC 388-436-0050 Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP, 388-478-0005 Cash assistance need and payment standards and grant maximum, and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.660, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, and 74.62.030.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments will implement a maximum household payment increase for temporary assistance for needy families and related updates to consolidated emergency assistance program standards as provided in the 2021-2023 supplemental operating budget (ESSB 5693).

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, email roddisl@dshs.wa.gov.

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