

WSR 22-14-025
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Department of social and health services (DSHS) is planning to amend WAC 388-424-0001 Citizenship and immigration status—Definitions, 388-424-0020 How does my alien status impact my eligibility for federally funded basic food benefits?, 388-466-0005 Immigration status requirements for refugee cash assistance, and other related 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, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120.

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Planned amendments will incorporate changes in eligibility for federally-funded benefits based on federal legislation.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Planned amendments are in response to federal legislation and based on policy guidance received from the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing these 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 Olga Walker, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, phone 360-725-4641, fax 360-725-4905, email Olga.Walker@dshs.wa.gov; or Max Gibbs-Ruby, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, email Max.Gibbs-Ruby@dshs.wa.gov.

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