

WSR 21-17-049
PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
(Division of Child Support)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The division of child support (DCS) is proposing to amend or add new sections in chapter 388-14A WAC to implement SHB 1416 as enacted during the 2021 legislative session (chapter 168, Laws of 2021). SHB 1416 establishes a requirement that insurance companies report claim settlements to DCS, which gives DCS time to intercept settlements and apply the funds to unpaid child support debts.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 26.23.110, 34.05.220, 74.08.090, 74.20A.055; SHB 1416, chapter 168, Laws of 2021 (codification pending).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: Rules are necessary to implement this legislation in order to provide guidance and outline relevant procedures for insurance companies to comply with the new reporting requirements.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Not applicable.

Process for Developing New Rule: DCS engages in modified collaborative rule making. Those persons wishing to participate in developing the new rules are encouraged to contact Brady Horenstein at the DSHS DCS headquarters as soon as possible. DCS will post information regarding this rule development project and others on its website, which can be found at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/esa/division-child-support> or on the DSHS economic services administration's policy review website, which can be found at <https://fortress.wa.gov/dshs/f2ws03esaapps/extpolicy/>.

Rule-making forms and draft rules may also be found on the DSHS filings and rules page at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-of-the-secretary/filings-and-rulings>.

DSHS/DCS encourages the public to take part in developing rules. After the rules are drafted, DSHS will file a copy with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making, and will send a copy to everyone currently on the mailing list and to anyone else 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 Brady Horenstein, DCS Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 9162, Mailstop 45860, Olympia, WA 98507-9162, phone 360-664-5291, fax 360-664-5342, TTY 1-800-833-6384, email Brady.Horenstein@dshs.wa.gov.

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