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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Economic Services Administration)

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Purpose: The department is amending WAC 388-436-0055 What is the disaster cash assistance program (DCAP)?, to update and clarify disaster cash assistance program and related consolidated emergency assistance program rules and to comply with SHB 1151 (chapter 9, Laws of 2021).

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-436-0055.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 08-18-008, filed 8/22/08, effective 9/22/08)

**WAC 388-436-0055 What is the disaster cash assistance program (DCAP)?** Disaster cash assistance program (DCAP) is paid through the consolidated emergency assistance program (CEAP) and is designed to provide cash assistance to individuals and families who face an emergency and do not have the money to meet their basic needs.

(1) DCAP is available if you meet all of the following:

(a) You suffered losses ((and));

(b) You live in an area that has been declared a disaster ((for individuals by)) or where the Governor((-)) has declared a state of emergency;

~~((b) You are not able to live in your home or you cannot return to your home because of the disaster;~~

~~(c) Your home in the disaster area is your primary residence (not a vacation home) and you were living there at the time of the disaster;~~

~~(d))~~ (c) You are a resident of Washington state as defined in WAC 388-468-0005;

~~((e))~~ (d) Your net income is under the limits in WAC 388-436-0050(1); and

~~((f))~~ (e) You or your family ~~((is))~~ are not eligible for any other program that could meet your need as stated in WAC 388-436-0030.

~~((2))~~ (2) In the event of a declared disaster, you must also meet the following:

(a) You are not able to live in your home or you cannot return to your home because of the disaster; and

(b) Your home in the disaster area is your primary residence (not a vacation home) and you were living there at the time of the declared disaster.

(3) Applicants must demonstrate a financial need for emergency funds for one or more of the following basic requirements:

- (a) Food;
- (b) Shelter;
- (c) Clothing;
- (d) Minor medical care;
- (e) Utilities;
- (f) Household maintenance supplies; or
- (g) Necessary clothing or transportation costs to accept or re-

tain a job or  
(h) Transportation for a minor, not in foster care, to a home where care will be provided by family members or approved caretakers.

~~((3))~~ (4) DCAP benefits are only available to households when the Governor issues an order under RCW 74.04.660(6) extending CEAP benefits to households without children.

(5) Payments under this program are limited to not more than thirty consecutive days within a period of twelve consecutive months, except when this limitation under RCW 74.04.660(1) is waived by proclamation of the Governor. The Governor's proclamation will determine the frequency if the thirty day limitation is waived.

(6) The department may discontinue program benefits issuances when the state of emergency or disaster declaration ends or when the Governor's Order under RCW 74.04.660(6) or the authority thereunder expires or is terminated.

(7) The department may discontinue the program benefits issuances when the funds appropriated for DCAP are exhausted.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 2008 c 181 § 301(6). WSR 08-18-008, § 388-436-0055, filed 8/22/08, effective 9/22/08.]