

WSR 21-20-125
PROPOSED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed October 5, 2021, 12:26 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 21-17-068.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0015 Needs standards for cash assistance.

Hearing Location(s): On November 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at Office Building 2, Department of Social and Health Services Headquarters (DSHS), 1115 Washington [Street S.E.], Olympia, WA 98504. Public parking at 11th and Jefferson. A map is available at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/rules-and-policies-assistance-unit/driving-directions-office-bldg-2>; or virtually. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, hearings are being held virtually. Please see the DSHS website for the most current information.

Date of Intended Adoption: Not earlier than November 10, 2021.

Submit Written Comments to: DSHS Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 45850, Olympia, WA 98504, email DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov, fax 360-664-6185, by 5:00 p.m., November 9, 2021.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Shelley Tencza, rules consultant, phone 360-664-6198, fax 360-664-6185, TTY 711 relay service, email Tenczsa@dshs.wa.gov, by 5:00 p.m., October 26, 2021.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The department is required by RCW 74.04.770 to establish standards of need for cash assistance programs on an annual basis.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See above.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: DSHS, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Sarah Garcia, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504-5470, 360-522-2214.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. This amendment is exempt as allowed under RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vii) which states in part, "[t]his section does not apply to ... rules of the department of social and health services relating only to client medical or financial eligibility and rules concerning liability for care of dependents."

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 34.05.328 (5)(b)(vii).

Explanation of exemptions: The proposed amendments do not impact small businesses. They only impact DSHS clients.

October 5, 2021
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Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 20-20-007, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20)

WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance. The monthly need and payment standards for cash assistance are based on a determination of the assistance unit size. The need standards for cash assistance units are:

((1) Effective January 1, 2020:))

Assistance unit size	Need standard
1	(\$1,520) <u>\$1,631</u>
2	(1,923) <u>2,064</u>
3	(2,374) <u>2,548</u>
4	(2,801) <u>3,007</u>
5	(3,229) <u>3,465</u>
6	(3,656) <u>3,924</u>
7	(4,226) <u>4,535</u>
8	(4,677) <u>5,020</u>
9	(5,128) <u>5,504</u>
10 or more	(5,579) <u>5,988</u>

((2) Effective January 1, 2021:))

(Assistance unit size	Need standard)
((1	\$1,538))
((2	1,946))
((3	2,402))
((4	2,834))
((5	3,267))
((6	3,699))
((7	4,276))
((8	4,732))
((9	5,188))
((10 or more	5,645))

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0015, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 19-24-032, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/25/19, effective 1/1/20; WSR 18-22-021, § 388-478-0015, filed 10/26/18, effective 1/1/19; WSR 18-01-040, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/12/17, effective 1/12/18; WSR 16-23-146, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/22/16, effective 1/1/17; WSR 16-03-013, § 388-478-0015, filed 1/8/16, effective 2/8/16; WSR 14-24-072, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/14, effective 1/1/15; WSR 13-24-041, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14; WSR 12-24-034, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/29/12, effective 1/1/13; WSR 11-24-021, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/11, effective 1/1/12; WSR 11-01-121, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/20/10, effective 1/1/11; WSR 10-04-111, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/3/10, effective 3/6/10; WSR

08-24-070, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/08, effective 1/1/09; WSR 07-24-033, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/07, effective 12/31/07; WSR 07-06-066, § 388-478-0015, filed 3/5/07, effective 4/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 06-05-102, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/14/06, effective 3/17/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 05-22-077 and 05-23-012, § 388-478-0015, filed 10/31/05 and 11/4/05, effective 1/1/06; WSR 05-01-074, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/9/04, effective 1/9/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 03-24-059, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/03, effective 1/1/04; WSR 03-23-116, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/18/03, effective 12/19/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 74.04.770. WSR 02-23-029, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/12/02, effective 12/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.04.200. WSR 01-11-108, § 388-478-0015, filed 5/21/01, effective 7/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.200. WSR 99-04-056, § 388-478-0015, filed 1/29/99, effective 3/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0015, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]