

WSR 22-11-006
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
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NOTICE

Subject: Community Options Program Entry System (COPES) waiver (WA.0049) and New Freedom waiver (WA.0443) amendments - Increasing Washington's In-Home Personal Needs Allowance.

Effective Date: June 9, 2022, or as soon as approved.

Description: The aging and long-term support administration intends to submit amendments to the COPES and new freedom waivers effective June 9, 2022, or as soon as approved, to increase the in-home personal needs allowance (PNA) from the current amount of 100 percent of the federal poverty rate to 300 percent of the federal poverty rate for an unmarried individual. This amendment increases the PNA from \$1,074 to the current 300 percent federal benefit of \$2,523 for unmarried individuals.

The department of social and health services would appreciate any input or concerns regarding the waiver amendments. To request copies or submit comments, please contact the person named below (please note that all comments are subject to public review and disclosure, as are the names of those who comment).

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