

WSR 23-09-039
PROPOSED RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed April 14, 2023, 12:39 p.m.]

Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 23-06-040.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is proposing amendments to WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance.

Hearing Location(s): On May 23, 2023, at 10:00 a.m., at Office Building 2, DSHS Headquarters, 1115 Washington [Street S.E.], Olympia, WA 98504. Public parking at 11th and Jefferson. A map is available at <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-of-the-secretary/drivingdirections-of-fice-bldg-2> [<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/office-of-the-secretary/drivingdirections-office-bldg-2>]; or virtually. Due to the COVID[-19] pandemic, hearings are being held virtually. Please see the DSHS website for the most up-to-date information.

Date of Intended Adoption: Not earlier than May 24, 2023.

Submit Written Comments to: DSHS Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 45850, Olympia, WA 98504, email DSHSRPAURulesCoordinator@dshs.wa.gov, fax 360-664-6185, by May 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Shelley Tencza, DSHS rules consultant, phone 360-664-6036, fax 360-664-6185, TTY 711 relay service, email tenczsa@dshs.wa.gov, by May 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Proposed amendments will update standards of need for cash assistance programs as required annually by RCW 74.04.770. The amendments utilize the University of Washington Center for Women's Welfare Self-Sufficiency Standard.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See above.

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

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 74.04.770.

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

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Language, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: None.

Name of Proponent: DSHS, governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting, Implementation, and Enforcement: Patrick Budde, P.O. Box 45470, Olympia, WA 98504, 360-764-0068.

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 19.85.025(3) as the rules are adopting or incorporating by reference without material change federal statutes or regulations, Washington state statutes, rules of

other Washington state agencies, shoreline master programs other than those programs governing shorelines of statewide significance, or, as referenced by Washington state law, national consensus codes that generally establish industry standards, if the material adopted or incorporated regulates the same subject matter and conduct as the adopting or incorporating rule; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute.

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.

March 23, 2023
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 Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 22-12-023, filed 5/23/22, effective 7/1/22)

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:

Assistance unit size	Need standard
1	\$((2,998)) <u>3,258</u>
2	((4,883)) <u>5,290</u>
3	((5,893)) <u>6,396</u>
4	((7,786)) <u>8,359</u>
5	((9,144)) <u>9,872</u>
6	((10,706)) <u>11,463</u>
7	((12,137)) <u>13,081</u>
8	((13,553)) <u>14,542</u>
9	((15,220)) <u>16,428</u>
10 or more	((17,793)) <u>19,017</u>

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 22-12-023, § 388-478-0015, filed 5/23/22, effective 7/1/22; WSR 21-23-102, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/17/21, effective 1/1/22. 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.]