

WSR 25-10-017
PERMANENT RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Economic Services Administration)
[Filed April 25, 2025, 3:13 p.m., effective July 1, 2025]

Effective Date of Rule: July 1, 2025.

Purpose: The department of social and health services (department) is adopting amendments to WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance. Effective July 1, 2025, these amendments are necessary per RCW 74.04.770, which requires the department to annually update standards of need using an existing, broadly used national standard. The amendments reflect this required update using the University of Washington Center for Women's Welfare self-sufficiency standard.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: Amending WAC 388-478-0015.

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

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-07-096 on March 18, 2025.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 0, Amended 1, Repealed 0.

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 24-11-147, filed 5/22/24, effective 7/1/24)

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:

Table with 2 columns: Assistance unit size, Need standard. Rows: 1 ((\$3,732)) \$3,816; 2 ((\$5,911)) 6,044; 3 ((7,270)) 7,433; 4 ((9,369)) 9,579

Assistance unit size	Need standard
5	((11,229)) <u>11,481</u>
6	((13,104)) <u>13,399</u>
7	((14,998)) <u>15,335</u>
8	((16,842)) <u>17,220</u>
9	((18,890)) <u>19,314</u>
10 or more	((21,888)) <u>22,379</u>