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PERMANENT RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES

(Home and Community Living Administration)

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Effective Date of Rule: Thirty-one days after filing.

Purpose: The purpose of this rule making is to implement section 16 of ESSB 5291 (chapter 380, Laws of 2025) for a pilot project from January 1, 2026, through June 30, 2026. The rule addresses limitations for beneficiary reimbursement and other services by a financial management services vendor during the pilot.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 388-116-1030.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 50B.04.020 (3)(k).

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 25-23-054 on November 17, 2025.

A final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting Arielle Finney, P.O. Box 45600, Olympia, WA 98504-5600, phone 360-764-0384, TTY 711 relay service, email Arielle.Finney2@dshs.wa.gov.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 1, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Date Adopted: January 2, 2026.

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NEW SECTION

**WAC 388-116-1030 Additional service limitations for pilot.** (1) Reimbursing eligible beneficiaries, acquisition of adaptive equipment and technology on behalf of a beneficiary, and processing claims for provider payments by a financial management services vendor are not permitted during the pilot.

(2) This section is effective through June 30, 2026.