# WSR 26-14-110
## PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY
## DEPARTMENT OF
## SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Home and Community Living Administration)
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Subject of Possible Rule Making: The department of social and health services (DSHS) is considering amending sections from chapter 388-116 WAC to update maximum rates (WAC 388-116-4020) and minimum qualifications for providers (WAC 388-116-3020). Other related rules may be created, amended, or repealed as necessary.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 50B.04.020 (3)(k) and (l).

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The rule-making project is needed to adjust maximum rates for inflation and amend minimum qualifications for home safety evaluation providers, and any others as identified by DSHS during the project.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: Employment security department and health care authority. Coordination will occur between departments for consistent implementation of the WA Cares fund program under chapter 50B.04 RCW.

Process for Developing New Rule: DSHS welcomes the public to take part in developing the rules. Anyone interested should contact the staff person identified below. At a later date, DSHS will file a proposal with the office of the code reviser with a notice of proposed rule making. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication 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.

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