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Summary

WAC 388-436-0002, *If my family has an emergency, can I get help from DSHS to get or keep our housing or utilities?* Has been reinforced to be establish that prior to the issuance of funds for utility assistance, a client must apply for local community resources and submit written verification from the community resource providers that utility assistance is not available. Additionally, AREN requests beyond \$500 and up to the \$750 program limit now require referral to a supervisor or designee for approval.