



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
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Agency: Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

Subject of possible rule making: The department is proposing to amend WAC 388-478-0020 "Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA", WAC 388-478-0035 "What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA?", WAC 388-436-0050 "Determining financial need and benefit amount for CEAP", and other related rules as may be required.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.08A.230

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The 2017-2019 Operating Budget (Chapter 1, 2017 Laws 3rd Special Session) authorized a 2.5% increase in the payment standards for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), State Family Assistance (SFA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA) programs, the financial need and benefit amount limits for the Consolidated Emergency Assistance Program (CEAP), and the maximum earned income limits for the TANF, SFA, RCA and the Pregnant Women Assistance (PWA) programs. These changes take effect on July 1, 2018.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study

Other (describe) 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 rulemaking. A copy of the proposal will be sent to everyone on the mailing list and to anyone who requests a copy.

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