



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103P (May 2009)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.360)

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration

**Permanent Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Permanent Rules**

- 31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:**

The department is amending WAC 388-492-0070 "How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?" in order to increase the high shelter standard from \$400 to \$425.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed: None  
 Amended: WAC 388-492-0070  
 Suspended: None

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090, and 7 CFR 282.1

**Other authority:**

**PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)**

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 17-09-029 on April 12, 2017 (date).  
 Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:  
 None.

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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**Date adopted:**

June 8, 2017

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**DATE: June 12, 2017**

**TIME: 9:05 AM**

**WSR 17-13-019**

**Note: If any category is left blank, it will be calculated as zero.  
No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>1</u>	Repealed	_____

**WAC 388-492-0070 How are my WASHCAP food benefits calculated?**

We calculate your Washington state combined application project (WASHCAP) food benefits as follows:

- (1) We begin with your gross income.
- (2) We subtract the current standard deduction for one person under WAC 388-450-0185 from your gross income to get your countable income.
- (3) We figure your shelter cost based on information we receive from the Social Security Administration (SSA) unless you report a change as described under WAC 388-492-0080.
  - (a) If you pay three hundred twenty dollars or more a month for shelter, we use four hundred twenty-five dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (b) If you pay less than three hundred twenty dollars a month for shelter, we use two hundred and thirty-five dollars as your shelter cost.
  - (c) We add the current standard utility allowance under WAC 388-450-0195 to the shelter cost we use under either (~~subsection (3)~~)(a) or (b) of this (~~section~~) subsection to determine your total shelter cost.
- (4) We figure your shelter deduction by subtracting one half of your countable income from your total shelter cost under subsection (3)(c) of this section.
- (5) We figure your net income by subtracting your shelter deduction from your countable income and rounding the resulting figure up from fifty cents and down from forty-nine cents to the nearest whole dollar.
  - (6) We figure your WASHCAP food benefits (allotment) by:
    - (a) Multiplying your net income by thirty percent and rounding up to the next whole dollar; and
    - (b) Subtracting the result from the maximum allotment under WAC 388-478-0060.
- (7) If you are eligible for WASHCAP, you will get at least the minimum monthly benefit for basic food under WAC 388-412-0015.