



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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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 388-418-0005 "How will I know what changes to report?", WAC 388-470-0005 "How do resources affect my eligibility for cash assistance and basic food?", and WAC 388-470-0070 "How vehicles are counted toward the resource limit for cash assistance" to revise the resource limits for cash programs. These changes, effective February 1, 2019, are required by state legislation (E2SHB 1831).

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New: None
 Repealed: None
 Amended: WAC 388-418-0005, WAC 380-470-0005, WAC 388-470-0070
 Suspended: None

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 74.04.005, RCW 74.04.050, RCW 74.04.055, RCW 74.04.057, RCW 74.04.500, RCW 74.04.510, RCW 74.08.090, RCW 74.08A.010, RCW 74.08A.120, RCW 74.08A.250

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 18-19-071 on September 17, 2018 (date).
 Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None

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**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.
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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	<u>3</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	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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 on 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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___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:

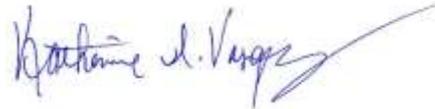
Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	<u>3</u>	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: December 18, 2018

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-09-017, filed 4/10/18, effective 7/1/18)

WAC 388-418-0005 How will I know what changes to report? (1)

You must report changes to the department based on the kinds of assistance you receive. We inform you of your reporting requirements on letters we send you about your benefits. Follow the steps below to determine the types of changes you must report:

(a) If you receive **cash** benefits, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move;

(ii) Someone moves out of your home;

(iii) Your total gross monthly income goes over the:

(A) Payment standard under WAC 388-478-0033 if you receive ABD cash; or

(B) Earned income limit under WAC 388-478-0035 and 388-450-0165 for all other programs;

(iv) You have liquid resources more than (~~four~~) six thousand dollars; or

(v) You have a change in employment, you need to tell us if:

(A) You get a job or change employers;

(B) Your schedule changes from part-time to full-time or full-time to part-time;

(C) You have a change in your hourly wage rate or salary; or

(D) You stop working.

(b) If you are a relative or nonrelative caregiver and receive cash benefits on behalf of a child in your care but not for yourself or other adults in your household, you need to tell us if:

(i) You move;

(ii) The child you are caring for moves out of the home;

(iii) Anyone related to the child you are caring for moves into or out of the home;

(iv) There is a change in the recipient child's earned or unearned income unless they are in school full-time as described in WAC 388-450-0070;

(v) The recipient child has liquid resources more than (~~four~~) six thousand dollars;

(vi) A recipient child in the home becomes a foster child; or

(vii) You legally adopt the recipient child.

(2) If you do not receive cash assistance but you do receive benefits from basic food, you must report changes for the people in your assistance unit under chapter 388-408 WAC, and tell us if:

(a) Your total monthly income is more than the maximum gross monthly income as described in WAC 388-478-0060; or

(b) Anyone who receives food benefits in your assistance unit and who must meet work requirements under WAC 388-444-0030 has their hours at work go below twenty hours per week.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 18-02-043, filed 12/26/17, effective 1/26/18)

WAC 388-470-0005 How do resources affect my eligibility for cash assistance and basic food? (1) The following definitions apply to this chapter:

- (a) **"We"** means the department of social and health services.
- (b) **"You"** means a person applying for or getting benefits from the department.
- (c) **"Fair market value"** or **"FMV"** means the price at which you could reasonably sell the resource.
- (d) **"Equity value"** means the FMV minus any amount you owe on the resource.
- (e) **"Community property"** means a resource in the name of the husband, wife, or both.
- (f) **"Separate property"** means a resource of a married person that one of the spouses:
 - (i) Had possession of and paid for before they were married;
 - (ii) Acquired and paid for entirely out of income from separate property; or
 - (iii) Received as a gift or inheritance.
- (2) We count a resource to decide if your assistance unit (AU) is eligible for cash assistance or basic food when:
 - (a) It is a resource we must count under WAC 388-470-0045 for cash assistance or WAC 388-470-0055 for basic food;
 - (b) You own the resource and we consider you to own a resource if:
 - (i) Your name is on the title to the property; or
 - (ii) You have property that does not have a title;
 - (c) You have control over the resource, which means the resource is actually available to you; and
 - (d) You could legally sell the resource or convert it into cash within twenty days.
- (3) For cash assistance, you must try to make your resources available even if it will take you more than twenty days to do so, unless:
 - (a) There is a legal barrier; or
 - (b) You must petition the court to release part or all of a resource.
- (4) When you apply for assistance, we count your resources as of:
 - (a) The date of your interview, if you are required to have an interview; or
 - (b) The date of your application, if you are not required to have an interview.
- (5) If your total countable resources are over the resource limit in subsection (6) through (13) of this section, you are not eligible for benefits.
- (6) For cash assistance, ~~((we use the))~~ there is an equity value ~~((as the value of your resources.))~~ resource limit of six ~~((a) Applicants may have countable resources up to one)~~ thousand dollars.
 - ~~((b) Recipients of cash assistance may have an additional three thousand dollars in a savings account.))~~
- (7) If your AU is categorically eligible (CE) as described in WAC 388-414-0001, you do not have a resource limit for Basic Food.
- (8) If your AU is not CE under WAC 388-414-0001, your AU may have countable resources up to the following amount and be eligible for basic food:
 - (a) Three thousand five hundred dollars if your AU has either an elderly or disabled individual; or
 - (b) Two thousand two hundred fifty dollars for all other AUs.

(9) If you own a countable resource with someone who is not in your AU, we count the portion of the resource that you own. If we cannot determine how much of the resource is yours:

(a) For cash assistance, we count an equal portion of the resource that belongs to each person who owns it.

(b) For basic food, we count the entire amount unless you can prove that the entire amount is not available to you.

(10) We assume that you have control of community property and you can legally sell the property or convert it to cash unless you can show that you do not.

(11) We may not consider an item to be separate property if you used both separate and community funds to buy or improve it.

(12) We do not count the resources of victims of family violence when:

(a) The resource is owned jointly with members of the former household;

(b) Availability of the resource depends on an agreement of the joint owner; or

(c) Making the resource available would place the client at risk of harm.

(13) You may give us proof about a resource anytime, including when we ask for it or if you disagree with a decision we made, about:

(a) Who owns a resource;

(b) Who has legal control of a resource;

(c) The value of a resource;

(d) The availability of a resource; or

(e) The portion of a property you or another person owns.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 13-18-005, filed 8/22/13, effective 10/1/13)

WAC 388-470-0070 How vehicles are counted toward the resource limit for cash assistance. (1) A vehicle is any device for carrying persons and objects by land, water, or air.

(2) The entire value of a licensed vehicle needed to transport a physically disabled assistance unit member is excluded.

(3) The equity value of one vehicle up to ((five)) ten thousand dollars is excluded when the vehicle is used by the assistance unit or household as a means of transportation.