



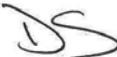
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**TO:** Honorable Andy Hill, Chair, Senate Ways & Means Committee  
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**FROM:** David Schumacher   
Director

**SUBJECT: MEDICAL AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY STUDY – INITIAL FINDINGS REPORT**

Pursuant to the 2013-15 operating budget (Section 130(3), Chapter 4, Laws of 2013, 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Session), I am transmitting the report on the Medical and Public Assistance Eligibility Study. The report is also available online at <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/reports/medicalpublicassistancestudy.pdf>.

The report was compiled for the Office of Financial Management (OFM) by Public Consulting Group (PCG). This is the first of two reports to study the state's medical and public assistance eligibility systems and infrastructure, specifically with regard to simplifying procedures, improving customer service, and reducing state expenditures. We anticipate transmitting the second report in March 2014.

If you have any questions, please contact Rich Pannkuk, OFM Senior Budget Assistant, at (360) 902-0539 or [richard.pannkuk@ofm.wa.gov](mailto:richard.pannkuk@ofm.wa.gov).

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