

## Chapter 388-478 WAC STANDARDS FOR PAYMENTS

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388-478-0010	Households with obligations to pay shelter costs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-16-024, § 388-478-0010, filed 7/26/99, effective 9/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0010, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Repealed by WSR 20-20-007, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357.
388-478-0025	TANF payment standards for recent arrivals to Washington state. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0025, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Repealed by WSR 99-16-024, filed 7/26/99, effective 9/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510.
388-478-0026	Excluded resources for family medical programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530 and 2000 c 218. WSR 00-21-063, § 388-478-0026, filed 10/16/00, effective 12/1/00.] Repealed by WSR 02-05-004, filed 2/7/02, effective 3/10/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090.
388-478-0030	Payment standards for disability lifeline and ADATSA. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.08.090, 74.04.005, and 74.04.770. WSR 10-24-070, § 388-478-0030, filed 11/30/10, effective 1/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0030, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Repealed by WSR 12-10-042, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36.
388-478-0040	Payment standard for persons in medical institutions. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0040, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Decodified by WSR 13-01-017, filed 12/7/12, effective 1/1/13. Recodified as § 182-513-1300.
388-478-0045	Payment standard for persons in certain group living facilities. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0045, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.] Decodified by WSR 13-01-017, filed 12/7/12, effective 1/1/13. Recodified as § 182-513-1500.
388-478-0056	SSI state supplement standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.620, 74.04.630. WSR 00-24-056, § 388-478-0056, filed 11/30/00, effective 1/1/01.] Repealed by WSR 01-08-015, filed 3/23/01, effective 5/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057.
388-478-0065	Income and resource standards for family medical programs. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 11-13-031, § 388-478-0065, filed 6/7/11, effective 7/8/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.530. WSR 05-15-080, § 388-478-0065, filed 7/14/05, effective 8/14/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0065, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0065, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710 and 388-508-0820.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-505-0245.
388-478-0070	Monthly income and countable resource standards for medically needy (MN). [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 08-11-098, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/20/08, effective 6/20/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and Section 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 06-06-013, § 388-478-0070, filed 2/17/06, effective 3/20/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-06-090, § 388-478-0070, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5. WSR 02-10-116, § 388-478-0070, filed 4/30/02, effective 5/31/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and Section 1924 (42 U.S.C. 1396R-5). WSR 01-12-073, § 388-478-0070, filed 6/4/01, effective 7/5/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.09.575. WSR 00-10-095, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/2/00, effective 5/2/00; WSR 99-11-054, § 388-478-0070, filed 5/17/99, effective 6/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0070, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710, 388-507-0720, 388-511-1115, 388-518-1820, 388-518-1830, 388-518-1840 and 388-518-1850.]

Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-519-0050.

388-478-0075 Medical programs—Monthly income standards based on the federal poverty level (FPL). [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.402, 74.09.470, and 2008 session law. WSR 09-07-086, § 388-478-0075, filed 3/17/09, effective 4/17/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.530, 74.09.700, and 2007 c 5. WSR 08-05-018, § 388-478-0075, filed 2/12/08, effective 3/14/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500 and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 06-16-026, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/24/06, effective 8/24/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.415, 74.09.530 and 2005 c 279. WSR 06-03-080, § 388-478-0075, filed 1/12/06, effective 2/12/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-17-157, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/22/05, effective 9/22/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057, 74.04.050, and 74.09.530. WSR 04-15-092, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/16/04, effective 8/16/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 03-15-088, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/17/03, effective 7/17/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.09.080, and 74.09.415. WSR 02-17-030, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/12/02, effective 9/12/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.510, and Section 1902 (a) (10) (A) (ii) (XV) and (XVI) of the Social Security Act. WSR 02-07-090, § 388-478-0075, filed 3/19/02, effective 4/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01; WSR 00-17-085, § 388-478-0075, filed 8/14/00, effective 9/14/00; WSR 99-19-005, § 388-478-0075, filed 9/3/99, effective 10/4/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0075, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0805, 388-508-0810, 388-509-0910, 388-509-0920, 388-509-0940 and 388-509-0960.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-505-0100.

388-478-0080 Supplemental security income (SSI) standards; SSI-related categorically needy income level (CNIL); and countable resource standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 08-11-098, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/20/08, effective 6/20/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.09.530, and Section 1924 of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 06-06-013, § 388-478-0080, filed 2/17/06, effective 3/20/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 05-06-090, § 388-478-0080, filed 3/1/05, effective 4/1/05; WSR 04-16-107, § 388-478-0080, filed 8/3/04, effective 9/3/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5. WSR 02-10-116, § 388-478-0080, filed 4/30/02, effective 5/31/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, and Section 1924 (42 U.S.C. 1396r-5). WSR 01-12-073, § 388-478-0080, filed 6/4/01, effective 7/5/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, and 74.09.575. WSR 00-10-095, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/2/00, effective 5/2/00; WSR 99-11-054, § 388-478-0080, filed 5/17/99, effective 6/17/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0080, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1110.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-512-0010.

388-478-0085 Medicare savings programs—Monthly income standards. [Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500 and 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 06-16-026, § 388-478-0085, filed 7/24/06, effective 8/24/06; WSR 05-17-157, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/22/05, effective 9/22/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). WSR 04-17-076, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/13/04, effective 9/13/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.09.530, and Section 673(2) (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)). WSR 01-18-056, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/30/01, effective 9/30/01; WSR 00-17-085, § 388-478-0085, filed 8/14/00, effective 9/14/00; WSR 99-19-005, § 388-478-0085, filed 9/3/99, effective 10/4/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0085, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-517-1715, 388-517-1730, 388-517-1750 and 388-517-1770.] Decodified by WSR 11-23-091, filed 11/17/11, effective 11/21/11. Recodified as § 182-517-0100.

**WAC 388-478-0005 Cash assistance need and payment standards and grant maximum.** (1) Need standards for cash assistance programs represent the amount of income required by individuals and families to maintain a minimum and adequate standard of living. Need standards are based on assistance unit size and include basic requirements for food, clothing, shelter, energy costs, transportation, household maintenance and operations, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals.

(2) Payment standards for assistance units in medical institutions and other facilities are based on the need for clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (see WAC 388-478-0006).

(3) Need and payment standards for persons and families who do not reside in medical institutions and other facilities are based on program grant standards.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.660, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043,

74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030, and 2022 c 297. WSR 22-19-094, § 388-478-0005, filed 9/21/22, effective 10/22/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0005, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 15. WSR 13-18-005, § 388-478-0005, filed 8/22/13, effective 10/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and 2012 2nd sp.s. c 7. WSR 12-18-023, § 388-478-0005, filed 8/27/12, effective 9/27/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 11-21-024, § 388-478-0005, filed 10/11/11, effective 11/11/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-21-134, § 388-478-0005, filed 10/20/08, effective 10/28/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 04-05-010, § 388-478-0005, filed 2/6/04, effective 3/8/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0005, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0006 The clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standard for cash assistance.** Payment standards for assistance units (AU) in certain facilities and medical institutions are based on the need for clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI).

(1) The CPI payment standard for recipients of cash assistance is:

(a) \$41.62 for eligible persons in medical institutions as defined in WAC 182-500-0050; or

(b) \$38.84 for eligible persons in one of the following facilities as defined in WAC 182-513-1100:

(i) Adult residential care (ARC) facility;

(ii) Adult residential rehabilitation centers (ARRC);

(iii) Adult residential treatment facility (ARTF);

(iv) Enhanced adult residential care facility (EARC); or

(v) Developmental disability administration (DDA) group home facilities.

(2) The CPI payment standard for recipients of ABD cash assistance who reside in a public institution as defined in WAC 182-500-0050, is \$41.62.

(3) When a person's living situation is other than what is listed in subsections (1) or (2) of this section, refer to the following:

(a) WAC 388-478-0020 for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), and refugee cash assistance (RCA);

(b) WAC 388-478-0027 for pregnant women assistance (PWA); or

(c) WAC 388-478-0033 for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.0052, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.025, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030, and 2022 c 297 § 205(22). WSR 23-01-057, § 388-478-0006, filed 12/14/22, effective 1/14/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043,

74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0006, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, and 74.62.030. WSR 15-12-021, § 388-478-0006, filed 5/22/15, effective 7/1/15.]

**WAC 388-478-0015 Need standards for cash assistance.** The monthly need and payment standards for cash assistance are based on a determination of the assistance unit size. The need standards for cash assistance units are:

Assistance unit size	Need standard
1	\$2,998
2	4,883
3	5,893
4	7,786
5	9,144
6	10,706
7	12,137
8	13,553
9	15,220
10 or more	17,793

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 22-12-023, § 388-478-0015, filed 5/23/22, effective 7/1/22; WSR 21-23-102, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/17/21, effective 1/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0015, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 19-24-032, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/25/19, effective 1/1/20; WSR 18-22-021, § 388-478-0015, filed 10/26/18, effective 1/1/19; WSR 18-01-040, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/12/17, effective 1/12/18; WSR 16-23-146, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/22/16, effective 1/1/17; WSR 16-03-013, § 388-478-0015, filed 1/8/16, effective 2/8/16; WSR 14-24-072, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/14, effective 1/1/15; WSR 13-24-041, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14; WSR 12-24-034, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/29/12, effective 1/1/13; WSR 11-24-021, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/11, effective 1/1/12; WSR 11-01-121, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/20/10, effective 1/1/11; WSR 10-04-111, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/3/10, effective 3/6/10; WSR 08-24-070, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/08, effective 1/1/09; WSR 07-24-033, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/30/07, effective 12/31/07; WSR 07-06-066, § 388-478-0015, filed 3/5/07, effective 4/5/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 06-05-102, § 388-478-0015, filed 2/14/06, effective 3/17/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, and 74.08.090. WSR 05-22-077 and 05-23-012, § 388-478-0015, filed 10/31/05 and 11/4/05, effective 1/1/06; WSR 05-01-074, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/9/04, effective 1/9/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.770, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 03-24-059, § 388-478-0015, filed 12/1/03, effective 1/1/04; WSR 03-23-116, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/18/03, effective

12/19/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.510, and 74.04.770. WSR 02-23-029, § 388-478-0015, filed 11/12/02, effective 12/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.04.200. WSR 01-11-108, § 388-478-0015, filed 5/21/01, effective 7/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.200. WSR 99-04-056, § 388-478-0015, filed 1/29/99, effective 3/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0015, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0020 Payment standards for TANF, SFA, and RCA.** The maximum monthly payment standards for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), and refugee cash assistance (RCA) assistance units are:

Assistance unit size	Payment standard	Assistance unit size	Payment standard
1	\$417	6	\$1,009
2	528	7	1,165
3	654	8	1,289
4	771	9	1,416
5	888	10 or more	1,539

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.660, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230 and 2021 c 334. WSR 21-21-054, § 388-478-0020, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0020, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230, 2018 c 299 and 2017 c 1. WSR 18-09-088, § 388-478-0020, filed 4/17/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230, and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 § 207. WSR 16-01-093, § 388-478-0020, filed 12/15/15, effective 1/15/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW. WSR 11-16-029, § 388-478-0020, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-16-105, § 388-478-0020, filed 8/5/08, effective 9/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0020, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-507-0710.]

**WAC 388-478-0027 What is the payment standard for pregnant women assistance (PWA)?** The payment standard for a PWA cash assistance unit is:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$417

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.660, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230 and 2021 c 334. WSR 21-21-054, § 388-478-0027, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100,

74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0027, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335 and 2019 c 415. WSR 19-21-056, § 388-478-0027, filed 10/11/19, effective 11/11/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-478-0027, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

**WAC 388-478-0033 What are the payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance?** (1) The maximum monthly payment standards for aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program assistance units are:

Assistance Unit Size	Payment Standard
1	\$417
2	\$528

(2) ABD clothing, personal maintenance, and necessary incidentals (CPI) payment standards are listed in WAC 388-478-0006.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.0052, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.805, 74.08.025, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.62.030, and 2022 c 297 205(22). WSR 23-01-057, § 388-478-0033, filed 12/14/22, effective 1/14/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.0052, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030, and 2022 c 297. WSR 22-16-082, § 388-478-0033, filed 8/1/22, effective 9/1/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0033, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-478-0033, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

**WAC 388-478-0035 What are the maximum earned income limits for TANF, SFA, PWA, and RCA?** To be eligible for temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), state family assistance (SFA), refugee cash assistance (RCA), or a pregnant women assistance (PWA), a family's gross earned income must be below the following levels:

Number of family members	Maximum earned income level	Number of family members	Maximum monthly earned income level
1	\$834	6	\$2,018
2	1,056	7	2,330
3	1,308	8	2,578
4	1,542	9	2,832
5	1,776	10 or more	3,078

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.660, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230 and 2021 c 334. WSR 21-21-054, § 388-478-0035, filed 10/15/21, effective 11/15/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230, 2018 c 299 and 2017 c 1. WSR 18-09-088, § 388-478-0035, filed 4/17/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.08A.230, and 2015 3rd sp.s. c 4 § 207. WSR 16-01-093, § 388-478-0035, filed 12/15/15, effective 1/15/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-478-0035, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.770, 74.08.090, and chapters 74.08A and 74.12 RCW. WSR 11-16-029, § 388-478-0035, filed 7/27/11, effective 8/27/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 2008 c 329 § 207 (1)(e). WSR 08-16-105, § 388-478-0035, filed 8/5/08, effective 9/5/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0035, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0050 Payment standards for ongoing additional requirements.** An "ongoing additional requirement" is a continuing need that you have for which you require additional financial benefits in order to continue living independently. The "payment standard" for ongoing additional requirement benefits is the amount of money needed to pay for these items or services. We use the following payment standards for ongoing additional requirements approved under WAC 388-473-0020 through 388-473-0060:

- (1) Restaurant meals: \$187.09 per month (or \$6.04 per day with the payment rounded down to the nearest dollar amount);
- (2) Laundry: \$11.13 per month;
- (3) Service animal food: \$33.66 per month;
- (4) Home delivered meals: The amount charged by the agency providing the meals;
- (5) Telephone: The local telephone flat rate for the area; or the Washington telephone assistance program (WTAP) rate, whichever is less.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 00-15-052, § 388-478-0050, filed 7/17/00, effective 9/1/00; WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0050, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1110.]

**WAC 388-478-0055 How much do I get from my state supplemental payments (SSP)?** (1) The SSP is a payment from the state to certain SSI eligible people as described in WAC 388-474-0012.

(2) If you converted to the federal SSI program from state assistance in January 1974 because you were aged, blind, or disabled, and have remained continuously eligible for SSI since January 1974, the department calls you a grandfathered client. Social Security calls you a minimum income level (MIL) client.

A change in living situation, cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), or federal benefit rate (FBR) can affect a grandfathered MIL client. A grandfathered MIL client gets a federal SSI payment and a SSP payment, which totals the higher of one of the following:

(a) The state assistance standard set in December 1973, unless you lived in a medical institution at the time of conversion, plus the federal COLA since then; or

(b) The current payment standard.

(3) The monthly SSP rate standards for eligible persons under WAC 388-474-0012 and individuals residing in an institution are:

SSP eligible persons	Standard
Individual (aged 65 and older)	\$38.25
Individual (blind as determined by SSA)	\$38.25
Individual with an ineligible spouse	\$38.25
Grandfathered (MIL)	Varies by individual based on federal requirements. Payments range between \$0.54 and \$199.77.

Medical institution	Monthly SSP Rate
Individual	\$40.00

(4) We may adjust the SSP rate standards at the end of the calendar year to comply with WAC 388-478-0057.

(5) The medical institution SSP rate is based on increasing the federal SSI personal needs allowance (PNA) up to the current Washington state institutional PNA standard described in WAC 182-513-1105. The state rate may be adjusted by the percentage of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) for old-age, survivors and disability social security recipients as published by the federal social security administration. This adjustment is subject to state legislative funding. The current PNA rule used in institutional apple health is located at <https://www.hca.wa.gov/health-care-services-supports/program-standard-income-and-resources>.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090 and 20 C.F.R. § 416.2095 through § 416.2099. WSR 20-23-053, § 388-478-0055, filed 11/13/20, effective 1/1/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 18-24-032, § 388-478-0055, filed 11/28/18, effective 1/1/19; WSR 13-22-037, § 388-478-0055, filed 10/31/13, effective 12/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 2008 c 329 § 207(8). WSR 08-16-067, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/31/08, effective 9/1/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 07-22-022, § 388-478-0055, filed 10/26/07, effective 11/26/07; WSR 06-16-071, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/28/06, effective 8/28/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 06-01-045, § 388-478-0055, filed 12/15/05, effective 1/15/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 04-07-024, § 388-478-0055, filed 3/8/04, effective 4/8/04; WSR 03-03-114, § 388-478-0055, filed 1/21/03, effective 2/23/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057. WSR 01-19-024, § 388-478-0055, filed 9/12/01, effective 11/1/01; WSR 01-08-015, § 388-478-0055, filed 3/23/01, effective 5/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 00-20-054, § 388-478-0055, filed 9/29/00, effective 11/1/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.057. WSR 00-11-130, § 388-478-0055, filed 5/22/00, effective 7/1/00; WSR 99-18-063, § 388-478-0055, filed



8/30/99, effective 10/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.630. WSR 99-04-103, § 388-478-0055, filed 2/3/99, effective 3/6/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0055, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98. Formerly WAC 388-511-1115.]

**WAC 388-478-0057 Adjustments to the SSI state supplement payments (SSP).** For the purposes of this rule, "we" refers to the department of social and health services. We are required by federal law to maintain the total SSI state supplement payments (SSP) at the same level each year, without an increase or decrease in total spending. We may adjust your SSI state supplement payment amount as necessary to comply with federal law.

(1) When there are unexpended funds, you will receive a one-time additional payment, usually at the end of the calendar year.

(2) When there is a shortage in available funds, we will decrease your SSP benefits to maintain the total SSP payment spending at the same level each year.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, and 74.08.090. WSR 13-22-037, § 388-478-0057, filed 10/31/13, effective 12/1/13. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.04.057. WSR 01-22-088, § 388-478-0057, filed 11/5/01, effective 12/6/01.]

**WAC 388-478-0060 What are the income limits and maximum benefit amounts for basic food?** (1) If your assistance unit (AU) meets all other eligibility requirements for basic food, your AU must have income at or below the limits in columns B and C of this subsection to get basic food, unless you meet one of the exceptions listed below in subsection (2) of this section.

The maximum monthly food assistance benefit your AU could receive is listed in column D of this subsection.

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Column A Number of Eligible AU Members	Column B Maximum Gross Monthly Income	Column C Maximum Net (Countable) Monthly Income	Column D Maximum Allotment	Column E 165% of Poverty Level
1	\$1,473	\$1,133	\$281	\$1,869
2	1,984	1,526	516	2,518
3	2,495	1,920	740	3,167
4	3,007	2,313	939	3,816
5	3,518	2,706	1,116	4,465
6	4,029	3,100	1,339	5,114
7	4,541	3,493	1,480	5,763
8	5,052	3,886	1,691	6,412
9	5,564	4,280	1,902	7,061
10	6,076	4,674	2,113	7,710
Each Additional Member	+ 512	+ 394	+ 211	+ 649

(2) Exceptions:

(a) If your AU is categorically eligible as under WAC 388-414-0001, your AU does not have to meet the gross or net income

standards in columns B and C of subsection (1) of this section. We budget your AU's income to decide the amount of basic food your AU will receive.

(b) If your AU includes a member who is 60 years of age or older or has a disability, your AU's income must be at or below the limit in column C of subsection (1) of this section.

(c) If you are 60 years of age or older and cannot buy and cook your own meals because of a permanent disability, we will use column E of subsection (1) of this section to decide if you can be a separate AU.

(d) If your AU has zero income, your benefits are the maximum allotment in column D of subsection (1) of this section, based on the number of eligible members in your AU.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.010, 74.08A.120, and 74.08A.250. WSR 23-07-095, § 388-478-0060, filed 3/17/23, effective 4/17/23; WSR 22-09-040, § 388-478-0060, filed 4/13/22, effective 5/14/22. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and 7 C.F.R. § 273.9 (a)(3), "USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, SNAP—Fiscal Year 2021 Cost-of-Living Adjustments (July 29, 2020)," and "USDA, Food and Nutrition Service, Standard utility allowance approval letter (August 4, 2020)" and H.R.133 Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021. WSR 21-13-122, § 388-478-0060, filed 6/21/21, effective 7/22/21. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, and P.L. 115-334 § 4004. WSR 20-04-021, § 388-478-0060, filed 1/27/20, effective 2/27/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and 7 C.F.R. §§ 273.1, 273.9 (d)(iii)(B); SNAP - FY 2019 COLAS dated July 27, 2018; and SNAP UA 2019 dated August 23, 2018. WSR 19-01-031, § 388-478-0060, filed 12/12/18, effective 1/12/19. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 74.08A.120, 7 C.F.R. §§ 273.1 and 273.9 (d)(iii)(B), SNAP Administrative Notice 17-30, and SNAP memo dated August 28, 2017. WSR 18-02-043, § 388-478-0060, filed 12/26/17, effective 1/26/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and SNAP Administrative Notice 16-38, dated August 12, 2016, 7 C.F.R. § 273.9 (d)(iii)(B), SNAP 10-6-WA-SUA, dated August 15, 2016. WSR 16-24-051, § 388-478-0060, filed 12/1/16, effective 1/1/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, FNS per SNAP Administrative Notice 15-28: SNAP - FY 2016, FNS 7 C.F.R. § 273.9 (d)(iii)(B)), and SNAP 10-6-WA-SUA dated August 18, 2015. WSR 15-24-075, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/25/15, effective 12/26/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120. WSR 15-02-041, § 388-478-0060, filed 1/2/15, effective 2/2/15. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120 and USDA, FNS, per SNAP Administrative Notice 13-26, SNAP - FY 2014 COLAS and ARRA Sunset Impact on Allotments dated August 2, 2013, and USDA SNAP 10-6-WA-SUA dated August 8, 2013, approving the proposed SUA. WSR 14-04-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 1/27/14, effective 2/27/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090,

74.08A.120, and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Administrative Notice 12-28 - Fiscal Year 2013 cost-of-living adjustments dated August 6, 2012. WSR 12-24-018, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/27/12, effective 12/28/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.120, "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Fiscal Year 2012 Cost of Living Adjustments" memo dated August 2, 2011, and "SNAP Standard Utility (SUA) Annual Review and Adjustment Waiver for Certain States—Modification and Extension" memo dated December 2, 2010. WSR 11-24-027, § 388-478-0060, filed 12/1/11, effective 1/1/12. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, and 7 C.F.R. 273.9. WSR 09-24-001, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/18/09, effective 12/19/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.04.500, 74.08A.120, and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. WSR 09-14-018, § 388-478-0060, filed 6/22/09, effective 7/23/09. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 08-24-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/25/08, effective 12/26/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510 and 7 C.F.R. § 273.9. WSR 07-22-035, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/30/07, effective 11/30/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090 and 7 C.F.R. § 273.9. WSR 06-21-012, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/6/06, effective 11/6/06. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, and 74.08.090. WSR 05-21-101, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/18/05, effective 11/18/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057. WSR 04-23-025, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/8/04, effective 12/9/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510. WSR 03-21-030, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/7/03, effective 12/1/03. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090. WSR 02-21-050, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/14/02, effective 12/1/02. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.057, 74.04.500, 74.04.510. WSR 01-21-059, § 388-478-0060, filed 10/16/01, effective 12/1/01. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.510, 74.08.090. WSR 00-23-013, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/3/00, effective 12/4/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.510. WSR 99-24-053, § 388-478-0060, filed 11/29/99, effective 12/30/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090 and 74.04.510. WSR 99-16-024, § 388-478-0060, filed 7/26/99, effective 9/1/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.500, 74.04.510, 74.08.090. WSR 99-05-074, § 388-478-0060, filed 2/17/99, effective 3/20/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057 and 74.08.090. WSR 98-16-044, § 388-478-0060, filed 7/31/98, effective 9/1/98.]

**WAC 388-478-0090 What are the monthly income limits for the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance and housing and essential needs (HEN) referral program?** You must have countable income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0162, at or below the monthly income limit in order to receive aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance or a referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program.

(1) The ABD cash assistance and HEN referral monthly income limits for individuals are:

Assistance Unit Size	Monthly Income Limit
1	\$339
2	\$428

(2) The ABD cash assistance and HEN referral monthly income limits for individuals in medical institutions and group living facilities are:

<b>Facility Type</b>	<b>Assistance Unit Size</b>	<b>Monthly Income Limit</b>
Medical institutions (including nursing homes and hospitals)	1	\$41.62
Adult family homes	1	\$339.00
Boarding homes (including assisted living, enhanced residential centers (EARC), and adult residential centers (ARC))	1	\$38.84
Developmental disability administration (DDA) group homes	1	\$38.84
Mental health adult residential treatment facilities (ARTF)	1	\$38.84

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.04.655, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.62.030 and 2020 c 357. WSR 20-20-007, § 388-478-0090, filed 9/24/20, effective 10/25/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.62.030, and 2013 2nd sp.s. c 10. WSR 13-24-040, § 388-478-0090, filed 11/26/13, effective 1/1/14.]