

WAC 388-14A-3903 How does DCS decide whether to petition for modification of a support order? (1) The division of child support (DCS) petitions to modify a support order when DCS finds during the review that each of the following conditions are present:

(a) The proposed change in child support based on the Washington state child support schedule:

(i) Is at least fifteen percent above or below the current support obligation;

(ii) Is at least one hundred dollars per month above or below the current support obligation; and

(iii) Is at least a two thousand four hundred dollar change over the remaining life of the support order; or

(iv) Will provide enough income to:

(A) Make the family ineligible for public assistance if the non-custodial parent (NCP) pays the full amount due under the proposed order; or

(B) Allow a family, otherwise eligible for public assistance, to remain off of assistance.

(b) The case meets the legal requirements for modification under RCW 26.09.170, 74.20A.059, or WAC 388-14A-3925.

(2) DCS may petition to modify the order without regard to subsection (1)(a)(i) of this section if the reason DCS reviewed the order is the noncustodial parent's incarceration.

(3) DCS may petition to modify the order without regard to subsection (1)(a) of this section when:

(a) The order does not require the NCP to provide health insurance coverage for the children; and

(b) Health insurance coverage is available through the NCP's employer or union at a reasonable cost; or

(c) Both parties agree to an order modifying the support amount; or

(d) DCS learns that an NCP is incarcerated and qualifies for abatement under this chapter and the child support order does not include abatement language.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 26.09.916, 74.08.090, 74.20A.055. WSR 22-02-063, § 388-14A-3903, filed 1/4/22, effective 2/4/22. Statutory Authority: 2019 c 275 §§ 2 and 3, RCW 26.09.170, 74.20A.059, 26.09.105, 26.18.170, 74.04.055, 74.08.090, 74.20.040(9), and 74.20A.310. WSR 20-04-032, § 388-14A-3903, filed 1/28/20, effective 2/28/20. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 45 C.F.R. 302.70, 45 C.F.R. 303.7, 45 C.F.R. 303.8. WSR 01-03-089, § 388-14A-3903, filed 1/17/01, effective 2/17/01. Formerly WAC 388-11-143.]