

WAC 110-80-0400 Does an adoptive parent have the right to appeal department decisions regarding adoption support issues? (1) An adoptive parent has the right to an administrative hearing to contest the following department actions:

(a) Denial of a child's initial eligibility for the adoption support program or the adoption support reconsideration program;

(b) Failure to respond with reasonable promptness to a written application or request for services;

(c) Denial of a written request to modify the level of payment or service in the agreement;

(d) Delay of more than 30 calendar days when responding to a written request for modification of the agreement;

(e) Denial of a request for nonrecurring adoption expenses;

(f) Suspension of adoption support benefits; or

(g) Termination from the program.

(2) To initiate the appeal, the adoptive parent must submit a request for an administrative hearing to the office of administrative hearings within 90 calendar days of receipt of the department's decision to deny a request, to suspend or terminate adoption support, or failure to respond to a request, unless good cause for a late request can be established under chapter 110-03 WAC.

(3) The office of administrative hearings must apply the rules in this chapter as they pertain to the issues being contested.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.080 and 74.09.741. WSR 23-12-037, § 110-80-0400, filed 5/30/23, effective 7/1/23. Statutory Authority: 2017 c 6. WSR 20-04-019, § 110-80-0400, filed 1/27/20, effective 2/27/20. WSR 18-14-078, recodified as § 110-80-0400, filed 6/29/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: 42 U.S.C. § 671-675, RCW 26.33.340, 74.13A.020, 74.13A.030, 74.13A.040, 74.13A.045, 74.13A.047, 74.13A.060, 74.13A.075, 74.13A.085, 74.13A.100, 74.15.020, 45 C.F.R. § 1356.40 and RCW 74.13A.050, 74.13A.055. WSR 01-08-045, § 388-27-0365, filed 3/30/01, effective 4/30/01.]