

**WAC 388-437-0015 Good cause extension of Social Security number (SSN) requirement for basic food applicants during COVID-19.** Applicants for food benefits must provide an SSN under WAC 388-476-0005(1) to qualify. Those who do not have an SSN must apply for one and provide it to DSHS when issued.

(1) For applicants with an initial application date of March 1, 2020, or later, who have established good cause for failure to provide an SSN, the good cause period is extended for three months, in addition to the application month and the following month under WAC 388-476-0005 (5)(a), for a total of up to five months.

(2) To continue receiving benefits beyond the five month good cause period, the applicant must show good cause for failure to apply for an SSN on a monthly basis in accordance with WAC 388-476-0005 (5)(b).

(3) Adjustments under subsection (1) of this section will continue each month until the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service no longer approves these adjustments.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510 and 74.08.090. WSR 21-16-083, § 388-437-0015, filed 8/2/21, effective 9/4/21.]