

WSR 23-14-037
EMERGENCY RULES
DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
(Developmental Disabilities Administration)
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Effective Date of Rule: June 27, 2023.

Purpose: These changes to chapter 388-845 WAC are necessary to implement amendments to the developmental disabilities administration's home and community-based services (HCBS) waivers as approved by the federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). Major changes to the chapter: Adjust the yearly limits applicable to certain waivers; add assistive technology to multiple waivers; remove the positive behavior support and consultation service from all waivers except the community protection waiver; amend the definition of the specialized evaluation and consultation service; amend the definition of community engagement; add teleservice as a service delivery method; add remote supports to multiple waivers; and make other changes necessary to implement amendments to DDA's HCBS waivers as approved by CMS. The department is proceeding with permanent adoption, we filed a CR 102 proposal under WSR 23-12-078. A public hearing is scheduled for August 8, 2023.

Citation of Rules Affected by this Order: New WAC 388-845-0113, 388-845-0945, 388-845-0950, 388-845-0955, 388-845-2141, 388-845-2142 and 388-845-2143; repealing WAC 388-845-0501 and 388-845-0506; and amending WAC 388-845-0001, 388-845-0005, 388-845-0010, 388-845-0030, 388-845-0041, 388-845-0045, 388-845-0050, 388-845-0070, 388-845-0100, 388-845-0105, 388-845-0110, 388-845-0111, 388-845-0210, 388-845-0215, 388-845-0220, 388-845-0225, 388-845-0230, 388-845-0415, 388-845-0425, 388-845-0500, 388-845-0505, 388-845-0510, 388-845-0515, 388-845-0525, 388-845-0650, 388-845-0660, 388-845-0800, 388-845-0805, 388-845-0810, 388-845-0820, 388-845-0900, 388-845-0910, 388-845-0940, 388-845-1030, 388-845-1040, 388-845-1163, 388-845-1190, 388-845-1192, 388-845-1195, 388-845-1197, 388-845-1600, 388-845-1607, 388-845-1620, 388-845-1660, 388-845-1800, 388-845-1805, 388-845-1810, 388-845-1865, 388-845-1870, 388-845-1880, 388-845-1890, 388-845-2000, 388-845-2005, 388-845-2010, 388-845-2130, 388-845-2150, 388-845-2155, 388-845-2200, 388-845-2205, 388-845-2210, 388-845-2260, 388-845-2270, 388-845-2283, 388-845-2285, 388-845-2290, 388-845-3055, 388-845-3056, 388-845-3065, 388-845-3075, 388-845-3080, 388-845-4000, and 388-845-4005.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 71A.12.030 and 71A.12.120.

Other Authority: 42 C.F.R. 441.301, Section 1915(c) of the Social Security Act.

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds that state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.

Reasons for this Finding: Filing these amendments on an emergency basis is necessary to ensure federal compliance and maintain federal funding for the state. This is the fourth emergency filing on these sections and is necessary to keep the rules effective until DDA completes the permanent rule-making process.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Comply with Federal Statute: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Federal Rules or Standards: New 7, Amended 72, Repealed 2; or Recently Enacted State Statutes: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted at the Request of a Nongovernmental Entity: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted on the Agency's own Initiative: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted in Order to Clarify, Streamline, or Reform Agency Procedures: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0.

Number of Sections Adopted using Negotiated Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; Pilot Rule Making: New 0, Amended 0, Repealed 0; or Other Alternative Rule Making: New 7, Amended 72, Repealed 2.

Date Adopted: June 26, 2023.

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