



RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

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Permanent Rules

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Other (specify) _____ (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?

Yes No If Yes, explain:

Purpose: DCYF is amending these rules to extend the Homeless Grace Period (HGP) and to open the care up to more providers.

Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed:

Amended: 110-15-0023, 110-15-0024

Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 43.215 and RCW 43.216

Other authority:

PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as WSR 23-18-042 on August 30, 2023 (date).

Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version: None.

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The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:

Federal statute:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Federal rules or standards:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Recently enacted state statutes:	New	___	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	___

The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted on the agency's own initiative:

New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:

New	___	Amended	<u>2</u>	Repealed	___
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The number of sections adopted using:

Negotiated rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Pilot rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___
Other alternative rule making:	New	___	Amended	___	Repealed	___

Date Adopted: November 13, 2023

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WAC 110-15-0023 Homeless grace period (HGP). (1) A homeless grace period (HGP) is established as described in this section.

~~(2) ((DCYF may grant a consumer experiencing homelessness a twelve-month grace period to submit the documentation described in this subsection. The children of the consumer experiencing homelessness may receive WCCC services during the HGP. Within twelve months of the child being authorized in the WCCC program, the consumer must submit to DCYF:~~

~~(i) Documentation verifying participation in an approved activity as described in WAC 110-15-0040, 110-15-0045, or 110-15-0050;~~

~~(ii) Third-party verification of employment; and~~

~~(iii) Verification that any outstanding copayment owed by the consumer has been paid or written verification of a payment plan agreed to by the child care provider who is owed the outstanding copayment.~~

~~(3) A consumer is eligible for HGP if the consumer:~~

~~(a) Is experiencing, and DCYF verifies, homelessness at the time of the consumer's application for benefits;~~

~~(b) Has not been approved for HGP within the previous twelve months; and~~

~~(c) Except for the requirements described in subsection (1) of this section, meets all eligibility requirements described in this chapter.~~

~~(4)) A family experiencing homelessness at the time the consumer applies for child care subsidy is eligible for HGP under this section when:~~

~~(a) They meet all eligibility requirements described in WAC 110-15-0005, except for WAC 110-15-0005 (1)(d) and (f); and~~

~~(b) Their household income is under 85 percent of the state median income (SMI).~~

~~(3) Consumers approved by DCYF for HGP are eligible to receive:~~

~~(a) A ((twelve)) 12-month certification period;~~

~~(b) A copayment waiver; and~~

~~(c) An authorization for full-time care as described in WAC 110-15-0190.~~

~~((5) Authorizations for HGP eligible consumers may only be authorized for licensed care, certified care, or DCYF contracted provider care.~~

~~(6) Consumers authorized care under HGP must provide required verification when reapplying at the end of their certification as described in WAC 110-15-0109.~~

~~(7)) (4) Consumers approved under HGP are not subject to overpayment unless the consumer obtained benefits by failing to report accurate information that resulted in an error in determining the consumer's eligibility for HGP.~~

WAC 110-15-0024 Categorical eligibility for families receiving child protective, child welfare, or family assessment response services.

(1) Families with children who have received child protective services as defined and used by chapters 26.44 and 74.13 RCW, child welfare services as defined and used by chapter 74.13 RCW, or services through a family assessment response, as defined and used by chapter 26.44 RCW in the six months previous to application or reapplication for working connections child care (WCCC) benefits are eligible for WCCC benefits for a ~~((twelve))~~ 12-month period if, in addition the:

- (a) Consumer is a Washington state resident;
- (b) Family has been referred for child care as part of the family's case management as defined by RCW 74.13.020; and
- (c) Child or children are residing with a biological parent or guardian.

(2) Families eligible for WCCC under this section will:

- (a) Have no copayment;
- (b) Be authorized for full-time child care regardless of participation in an approved activity; and
- (c) Be eligible to have benefits paid only to a ~~((licensed, certified, or contracted child care))~~ provider that meets the requirements in WAC 110-15-0125.