



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

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WSR 19-10-079

Agency: Health Care Authority

Original Notice

Supplemental Notice to WSR

Continuance of WSR _____

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 18-15-036 ; or

Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or

Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1); or

Proposal is exempt under RCW _____.

Title of rule and other identifying information: (describe subject)

WAC 182-512-0550 SSI-related medical – All other excluded resources

WAC 182-512-0700 SSI-related medical – Income eligibility

Hearing location(s):

Date:	Time:	Location: (be specific)	Comment:
June 4, 2019	10:00 AM	Health Care Authority Cherry Street Plaza Pear Conf Room 107 626 8 th Ave, Olympia WA 98504	Metered public parking is available street side around building. A map is available at: https://www.hca.wa.gov/assets/program/Driving-parking-checkin-instructions.pdf or directions can be obtained by calling: (360) 725-1000

Date of intended adoption: Not sooner than June 5, 2019 (Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

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Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules: The agency plans to replace references to Retirement, Survivors, Disability Insurance (RSDI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) with Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (OASDI). This change is to provide consistent references to the OASDI benefits provided under Title II of the Social Security Act in the agency's SSI-related income and resource rules for Medicaid. Both of these WACs refer to the same three types of benefits that the Social Security Administration (SSA) pays to eligible beneficiaries. A person who receives one or more of these cash payments is automatically related by category to one or more Medicaid eligibility groups. A common term for these SSA benefits is the OASDI program. During the course of this review, the agency may identify additional changes that are required in order provide clarity

Reasons supporting proposal: See Purpose.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160

Statute being implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160

Is rule necessary because of a:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

If yes, CITATION:

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: N/A

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Health Care Authority

<input type="checkbox"/> Private
<input type="checkbox"/> Public
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Governmental

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Is a school district fiscal impact statement required under RCW 28A.305.135? Yes No

If yes, insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the school district fiscal impact statement by contacting:

Name:
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Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes: A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:
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No: Please explain: RCW 34.05.328 does not apply to Health Care Authority rules unless requested by the Joint Administrative Rules Review Committee or applied voluntarily.

Regulatory Fairness Act Cost Considerations for a Small Business Economic Impact Statement:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, **may be exempt** from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act (see chapter 19.85 RCW). Please check the box for any applicable exemption(s):

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.061 because this rule making is being adopted solely to conform and/or comply with federal statute or regulations. Please cite the specific federal statute or regulation this rule is being adopted to conform or comply with, and describe the consequences to the state if the rule is not adopted.

Citation and description:

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt because the agency has completed the pilot rule process defined by RCW 34.05.313 before filing the notice of this proposed rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under the provisions of RCW 15.65.570(2) because it was adopted by a referendum.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW 19.85.025(3). Check all that apply:

- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(b) (Internal government operations)
- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c) (Incorporation by reference)
- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(d) (Correct or clarify language)
- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(e) (Dictated by statute)
- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(f) (Set or adjust fees)
- RCW 34.05.310 (4)(g) ((i) Relating to agency hearings; or (ii) process requirements for applying to an agency for a license or permit)

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt under RCW ____.

Explanation of exemptions, if necessary:

COMPLETE THIS SECTION ONLY IF NO EXEMPTION APPLIES

If the proposed rule is **not exempt**, does it impose more-than-minor costs (as defined by RCW 19.85.020(2)) on businesses?

No Briefly summarize the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. Amendments to WAC 182-512-0550 and WAC 182-512-0700 do not impose additional compliance costs or requirements on providers.

Yes Calculations show the rule proposal likely imposes more-than-minor cost to businesses, and a small business economic impact statement is required. Insert statement here:

The public may obtain a copy of the small business economic impact statement or the detailed cost calculations by contacting:

- Name:
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- Other:

Date: May 1, 2019

Name: Wendy Barcus

Title: HCA Rules Coordinator

Signature:



WAC 182-512-0550 SSI-related medical—All other excluded resources. All resources described in this section are excluded resources for SSI-related medical programs. Unless otherwise stated, interest earned on the resource amount is counted as unearned income.

(1) Resources necessary for a person who is blind or disabled to fulfill a self-sufficiency plan approved by the agency.

(2) Retroactive payments from SSI or (~~RSDI~~) old age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI), including benefits a person receives under the interim assistance reimbursement agreement with the Social Security Administration, are excluded for nine months following the month of receipt. This exclusion applies to:

(a) Payments received by the person, the person's spouse, or any other person financially responsible for the person;

(b) SSI payments for benefits due for the month(s) before the month of continuing payment;

(c) (~~RSDI~~) OASDI payments for benefits due for a month that is two or more months before the month of continuing payment; and

(d) Proceeds from these payments as long as they are held as cash, or in a checking or savings account. The funds may be commingled with other funds, but must remain identifiable from the other funds for this exclusion to apply. This exclusion does not apply once the payments have been converted to any other type of resource.

(3) All resources specifically excluded by federal law, such as those described in subsections (4) through (11) of this section as long as such funds are identifiable.

(4) Payments made under Title II of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.

(5) The excluded resources described in WAC 182-512-0770 and other resources of American Indians/Alaska Natives that are excluded by federal law.

(6) Restitution payment and any interest earned from this payment to persons of Japanese or Aleut ancestry who were relocated and interned during war time under the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 and the Aleutian and Pribilof Islands Restitution Act.

(7) Funds received from the Agent Orange Settlement Fund or any other funds established to settle Agent Orange liability claims.

(8) Payments or interest accrued on payments received under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act received by the injured person, the surviving spouse, children, grandchildren, or grandparents.

(9) Payments or interest accrued on payments received under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness Compensation Act of 2000 (EEOICA) received by the injured person, the surviving spouse, children, grandchildren, or grandparents.

(10) Payments from:

(a) The Dutch government under the Netherlands' Act on Benefits for Victims of Persecution (WUV).

(b) The Victims of Nazi Persecution Act of 1994 to survivors of the Holocaust.

(c) Susan Walker vs. Bayer Corporation, et al., 96-C-5024 (N.D. Ill.) (May 8, 1997) settlement funds.

(d) Ricky Ray Hemophilia Relief Fund Act of 1998 P.L. 105-369.

(11) The unspent social insurance payments received due to wage credits granted under sections 500 through 506 of the Austrian General Social Insurance Act.

(12) Tax refunds and earned income tax credit refunds and payments are excluded as resources for twelve months after the month of receipt.

(13) Payments from a state administered victim's compensation program for a period of nine calendar months after the month of receipt.

(14) Cash or in-kind items received as a settlement for the purpose of repairing or replacing a specific excluded resource are excluded:

(a) For nine months. This includes relocation assistance provided by state or local government.

(b) Up to a maximum of thirty months, when:

(i) The person intends to repair or replace the excluded resource; and

(ii) Circumstances beyond the control of the settlement recipient prevented the repair or replacement of the excluded resource within the first or second nine months of receipt of the settlement.

(c) For an indefinite period, if the settlement is from federal relocation assistance.

(d) Permanently, if the settlement is assistance received under the Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act or other assistance provided under a federal statute because of a catastrophe which is declared to be a major disaster by the President of the United States, or is comparable assistance received from a state or local government or from a disaster assistance organization. Interest earned on this assistance is also excluded from resources. Any cash or in-kind items received as a settlement and excluded under this subsection are (~~con-~~~~sidered as~~) available resources when not used within the allowable time periods.

(15) Insurance proceeds or other assets recovered by a Holocaust survivor.

(16) Pension funds owned by an ineligible spouse. Pension funds are defined as funds held in a(n):

(a) Individual retirement account (IRA) as described by the IRS code; or

(b) Work-related pension plan (including plans for self-employed persons, known as Keogh plans).

(17) Cash payments received from a medical or social service agency to pay for medical or social services are excluded for one calendar month following the month of receipt.

(18) SSA- or division of vocational rehabilitation (DVR)-approved plans for achieving self-support (PASS) accounts, allowing blind or disabled persons to set aside resources necessary for the achievement of the plan's goals, are excluded.

(19) Food and nutrition programs with federal involvement. This includes Washington Basic Food, school reduced and free meals and milk programs and WIC.

(20) Gifts to, or for the benefit of, a person under eighteen years old who has a life-threatening condition, from an organization described in section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 which is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that code, as follows:

(a) In-kind gifts that are not converted to cash; or

(b) Cash gifts up to a total of two thousand dollars in a calendar year.

(21) Veteran's payments made to, or on behalf of, natural children of Vietnam veterans regardless of their age or marital status, for any disability resulting from spina bifida suffered by these children.

(22) The following are among assets that are not ((considered)) resources and as such are neither excluded nor counted:

(a) Home energy assistance/support and maintenance assistance;

(b) Retroactive in-home supportive services payments to ineligible spouses and parents; and

(c) Gifts of domestic travel tickets.

(23) For a more complete list, please see ((POMS-@)) the program operations manual system (POMS) at <http://policy.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0501130050>.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 14-07-059, filed 3/14/14, effective 4/14/14)

WAC 182-512-0700 SSI-related medical—Income eligibility. (1)

In order to be eligible, a person is required to do everything necessary to obtain any income to which he or she is entitled including (but not limited to):

(a) Annuities;

(b) Pensions;

(c) Unemployment compensation;

(d) Retirement; and

(e) Disability benefits; even if their receipt makes the person ineligible for agency services, unless the person can provide evidence showing good reason for not obtaining the benefits.

(2) The agency does not count this income until the person begins to receive it. Income is budgeted prospectively for all Washington apple health (WAH) health care programs.

(3) Anticipated nonrecurring lump sum payments other than retroactive SSI/SSDI payments are considered income in the month received, subject to reporting requirements in WAC 182-504-0110. Any unspent portion is considered a resource the first of the following month.

(4) The agency follows income and resource methodologies of the supplemental security income (SSI) program defined in federal law when determining eligibility for WAH SSI-related medical or medicare savings programs unless the agency adopts rules that are less restrictive than those of the SSI program.

(5) Exceptions to the SSI income methodology:

(a) Lump sum payments from a retroactive ((SSDI)) old age, survivors, and disability insurance (OASDI) benefit, when reduced by the amount of SSI received during the period covered by the payment, are not counted as income;

(b) Unspent retroactive lump sum money from SSI or ((SSDI)) OASDI is excluded as a resource for nine months following receipt of the lump sum; and

(c) Both the principal and interest portions of payments from a sales contract, that meet the definition in WAC 182-512-0350(10), are unearned income.

(6) To be eligible for WAH categorically needy (CN) SSI-related health care coverage, a person's countable income cannot exceed the WAH CN program standard described in:

(a) WAC 182-512-0010 for noninstitutional WAH coverage unless living in an alternate living facility; or

(b) WAC ((~~182-513-1305(2)~~)) 182-513-1205 for noninstitutional WAH CN coverage while living in an alternate living facility; or

(c) WAC 182-513-1315 for institutional and waiver services coverage.

(7) To be eligible for SSI-related health care coverage provided under the WAH medically needy (MN) program, a person must:

(a) Have countable income at or below the effective WAH MN program standard as described in WAC 182-519-0050;

(b) Satisfy spenddown requirements described in WAC 182-519-0110;

(c) Meet the requirements for noninstitutional WAH MN coverage while living in an alternate living facility (ALF). See WAC ((~~182-513-1305(3)~~)) 182-513-1205; or

(d) Meet eligibility for institutional WAH MN coverage described in WAC 182-513-1315.