



Rulemaking Meeting #10: Recap

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Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Governance and definitions
- Recap of meeting series
- Discussion

Housekeeping

- Please use Q&A feature to ask questions during the presentation
- Chat will open for discussion at the end of the presentation
- The purpose of this meeting is to hear ideas from the public about rulemaking for DSHS WA Cares rulemaking.
- Please direct program questions to WACares@dshs.wa.gov

Webinar recordings

- Recordings of past sessions are available at <https://wacaresfund.wa.gov/rulemaking>
- There is still time to comment on past discussion topics. Please email Arielle.Finney2@dshs.wa.gov with your comments.

Please sign up for notifications

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- General program news and updates
- Announcements of webinars and events
- Notifications when new resources become available
- Updates on LTSS Trust Commission meetings and recommendation
- DSHS Rulemaking



Governance and Definitions

Governance

- Reference to chapter 50B.04 RCW
- Citation to Employment Security Department and Health Care Authority for WCF rules outside of DSHS
- Purpose statement

Definitions

In progress – more to come as rules are polished



Recap

Topics covered

Overview of rulemaking project

Approved services (two sessions)

Applying for services and eligibility criteria

Assessments

Beneficiary rights and responsibilities, application process

Provider rights and application process

Provider registration requirements

Provider registration denial and termination

Key takeaways

- Focus on simplicity and clarity
- Reduce barriers for beneficiaries and providers wanting to interact with the program
- When possible and practical, align with current workflows to reduce complexity, especially with provider registration steps and timelines
- Value accessible services for beneficiaries, including language access, provider access, and awareness of the challenges to rural communities
- Recognize the impact to Area Agencies on Aging assisting with contracting providers

Potential upcoming rulemaking topics

- Beneficiary appeals
- Provider appeals
- Third option for paying qualified family members



Discussion

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- Do you have any comments you would like to add that were not shared in past sessions?

Discussion

- Please provide feedback on this meeting series. What went well? What could be changed to improve your experience?

Resources

- DSHS website: <https://wacaresfund.wa.gov/rulemaking>
- ESD website: <https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/rulemaking/ltss>
- HCA website: <https://www.hca.wa.gov/about-hca/rulemaking>
- Questions related to the WA Cares program, please email WACares@dshs.wa.gov



Thank you!

Please stay tuned for upcoming rulemaking information

Questions about the WA Cares Fund rulemaking process?
Contact Arielle Finney at Arielle.Finney2@dshs.wa.gov

Questions about the WA Cares Fund program?
Contact the WA Cares Fund Customer Care Team at WACares@dshs.wa.gov