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PROPOSED RULES

DEPARTMENT OF

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 26-08-013.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: Chapter 110-85 WAC, Guardianship assistance program (GAP) and extended guardianship assistance program (EGAP).

All sections in chapter 110-85 WAC are being amended, except for WAC 110-85-0010 Legal basis for the department's guardianship assistance program (GAP) and extended guardianship assistance program (EGAP). No amendments were needed for this WAC.

Hearing Location(s): On October 27, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., at Department of Children, Youth, and Families (DCYF) Headquarters, Conference Room 2332, 1500 Jefferson Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501. Comments can be made in several ways: Submitting comments to the online comment application linked below, emailing the rules coordinator, attending a public hearing in person, or by calling 360-972-5385 and leaving a voicemail that includes the comment and an email or physical mailing address where DCYF will send its response. All comments must be received by the deadline date and time listed below.

Date of Intended Adoption: October 28, 2026.

Submit Written Comments to: DCYF rules coordinator, email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov , web <https://dcyf.wa.gov/practice/policy-laws-rules/rule-making/participate/online> , beginning September 24, 2026, at 8:00 a.m., by October 27, 2026, at 11:59 p.m.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact DCYF rules coordinator, phone 360-522-3691, email dcyf.rulescoordinator@dcyf.wa.gov , relay 711, by October 20, 2026.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: Child welfare division is amending chapter 110-85 WAC and creating a new WAC for this chapter. These changes are related to the centralization of the GAP and EGAP subsidies, the expansion of eligibility requirements for prospective guardians, additional clarification for the modification and effective dates of the GAP agreement, changes to suspensions of GAP agreements, and other housekeeping edits.

These changes are necessary to reflect who is performing the duties related to GAP and EGAP subsidies based on regional need, and to reduce confusion, barriers, administrative burden for families and staff, and potential

overpayments.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: See purpose.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 13.36.090 , 74.13.031 , 74.13.062 , and 42 U.S.C. ? 673.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 74.13.031 .

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Name of Proponent: Governmental.

Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for Drafting: Geene Delaplane, Ph.D., 1500 Jefferson Street S.E., Olympia, WA 98501, 360-972-5385; Implementation and Enforcement: DCYF, statewide.

A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135 .

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328 . DCYF is not among the agencies listed as required to comply with RCW 34.05.328 (5)[(a)](i). Further, DCYF does not voluntarily make that section applicable to the adoption of this rule.

This rule proposal, or portions of the proposal, is exempt from requirements of the Regulatory Fairness Act because the proposal:

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025 (3) as the rules relate only to internal governmental operations that are not subject to violation by a nongovernment party; rules only correct typographical errors, make address or name changes, or clarify language of a rule without changing its effect; and rule content is explicitly and specifically dictated by statute; and rules adopt, amend, or repeal a procedure, practice, or requirement relating to agency hearings; or a filing or related process requirement for applying to an agency for a license or permit.

Is exempt under RCW 19.85.025 (4).

Scope of exemption for rule proposal:

Is fully exempt.

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