



WA Cares Interested
Parties Meeting
7/16/2025

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Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Rulemaking updates
- Draft rule text review

Housekeeping

- Chat will become available shortly. If you need to reach a presenter, please use the Q&A feature.
- For general questions about WA Cares, please contact WACares@dshs.wa.gov.
- For webinar recording, please go to: <https://wacaresfund.wa.gov/rulemaking>.

Rulemaking updates

- A public hearing is scheduled for August 5th, 2025 for general provisions, beneficiary eligibility determinations, and requirements to provide approved services. This packet includes:
 - Definitions of key terms used throughout the new chapter, including definitions of approved services.
 - Eligibility requirements for beneficiaries to receive approved services.
 - Requirements for providers of approved services, including minimum qualifications, background check requirements, and application requirements.

Rulemaking update

- Comments and feedback must be submitted by end of day on 7/16/2025.
- WA Cares staff will review feedback as it's received.
- Please submit comments to Arielle Finney at Arielle.Finney2@dshs.wa.gov.

Our ask today

- Please let us know what you think could improve the material.
- Please let us know if you see an impact from the rules for beneficiaries, providers, or others who will be participating or engaging with the program.
- If something is unclear, please bring it to our attention.

Some questions to start us off:

- Is the rule text written in a way you can understand?
- Are the expectations and requirements clear?
- Are there areas that need further description to be clear?
- Do you see a disproportionate impact to small businesses with how the rules are written?



Draft rule text review

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!

We look forward to continuing this discussion in upcoming meetings

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