

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.328, the Employment Security Department (Department) hereby analyzes the costs and benefits of amending and permanently adopting rules regarding public health emergencies.

COSTS

No costs are anticipated. The purpose of the rulemaking is to clarify eligibility for benefits and relief of benefit charging in certain situations related to a public health emergency when the public health emergency begins or ends during the middle of a particular week. The proposal will not create new or different requirements for claimants or employers.

BENEFITS

The proposed rulemaking will provide clarity for claimants and employers who are impacted by a public health emergency that begins or ends in the middle of the week.

CONCLUSION

The proposed rulemaking provides clarity regarding public health emergencies that begin or end during the middle of a benefit week without imposing costs.