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## RULE-MAKING ORDER PERMANENT RULE ONLY

# CR-103P (December 2017) (Implements RCW 34.05.360)

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#### Effective date of rule:

Permanent Rules

- $\Box$  31 days after filing.
- Other (specify) January 1, 2024 (If less than 31 days after filing, a specific finding under RCW 34.05.380(3) is required and should be stated below)

**Purpose:** The amendments to WAC 357-28-082, WAC 357-28-084, WAC 357-28-086, WAC 357-28-088, WAC 357-28-120, WAC 357-28-135 and WAC 357-28-155 are to clarify certain scenarios based on questions received from stakeholders since inception of Step M. On July 1, 2013, new rules were adopted to implement a new Step M that was provided in the 2013 – 2015 operating budget. Step M was originally implemented as a longevity step to allow employees who have been at the top step (step L) in the same salary range for six years to progress to step M. The amendment to WAC 357-31-480 is to update the correct references from RCW 49.78.390 to RCW 50A.15.110. RCW 49.78.390 was repealed in 2018 therefore is no longer applicable. Parental leave is in addition to any leave for sickness or temporary disability as provided under the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and the Washington Paid Family and Medical Leave Act. The amendment to WAC 357-31-500 is to align with the Washington state law against discrimination, chapter 49.60 RCW, and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 or the Pregnancy Discrimination Act. An employee does not have to hold permanent status to qualify for a leave of absence for reasons of pregnancy disability and childbirth. The amendments to WAC 357-31-687 and WAC 357-31-797 are housekeeping in nature. The amendment to WAC 357-58-141 is changing the word "and" to "or". This will clarify that location-based premium must be paid when a Washington management service employee is assigned to work on McNeil Island **or** when an employee is assigned to a permanent duty station in King County.

#### Citation of rules affected by this order:

New:

Repealed:

Amended: 357-28-082, 357-28-084, 357-28-086, 357-28-088, 357-28-120, 357-28-135, 357-28-155, 357-31-480, 357-31-500, 357-31-687, 357-31-797, 357-58-141 Suspended:

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 41.06.133 and 41.06.150

#### Other authority:

### PERMANENT RULE (Including Expedited Rule Making)

Adopted under notice filed as <u>WSR 23-20-074</u> on September 29, 2023 (date). Describe any changes other than editing from proposed to adopted version:

If a preliminary cost-benefit analysis was prepared under RCW 34.05.328, a final cost-benefit analysis is available by contacting:

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