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Comments

[NOTE: All citations to “Manual” in the comments below are to the Administrative Rules Procedures Manual, prepared by the Revisor of Statutes Bureau and the Legislative Council Staff, dated January 2005.]

2. Form, Style and Placement in Administrative Code

In s. DWD 136.001 (2) (d), the phrase “but is not limited to” is not necessary.

5. Clarity, Grammar, Punctuation and Use of Plain Language

a. The rule should be more specific with regard to the applicable “federal minimum wage” and the “federal poverty guidelines” if possible. For example, would calculations be based on the amounts in effect when the exemptions are calculated, at the time of the earnings, or at another time?

b. An initial applicability section could aid in determining when the rule provisions will first apply.

c. The term “household” is defined in s. DWD 136.001 (2) (e) to mean “all people who reside together and share income and expenses.” This seems as if it could be problematic in some circumstances, such as in a cooperative housing arrangement or when expenses are shared, but not income. The definition should be reviewed to assure it appropriately reflects the intended scope.