Why revise the rule?

1. **PDGS added as a service of the Level One waiver with an annual cap of $2,500,**
   
   *Note: there continues to be NO dollar cap for PDGS in SELF waiver.*

2. Increase clarity and eliminate confusion.

3. Simplify the process.

Changes to Participant Directed Goods and Services (PDGS):

- Participant-Directed Budget definition has been added to the rule. A person has more control over how waiver funding is used when exercising Budget Authority.

- Language revisions in the rule has helped to shift focus from being least expensive and moved toward showing the need. The focus is on what is most cost effective, based on your specific needs. It also eliminates the requirement that each county board have an established “cost comparison process”.

- Language revisions in the rule were included to move the focus to the *habilitative* intent of Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) waiver services and away from “medical necessity.”

- County Boards are no longer required to have an established “cost comparison process”. Instead, they will have their own review process for PDGS purchases greater than $500.

- Pools, spas, saunas, food, internet service and items of general utility have been added to purchases prohibited under PDGS.

- Certain items continue to require DODD approval such as generators, fences, playsets, home modifications over $10,000, and items available through other waiver services, and Medicaid State Plan/Healthchek and or identified in an Individual Education Plan (IEP).

Please visit the [DODD website](https://www.dodd.wa.gov) to learn more about PDGS.