

**RCW 74.04.300 Recovery of payments improperly received—Lien—Recipient reporting requirements.** If a recipient receives public assistance and/or food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically for which the recipient is not eligible, or receives public assistance and/or food stamps or food stamp benefits transferred electronically in an amount greater than that for which the recipient is eligible, the portion of the payment to which the recipient is not entitled shall be a debt due the state recoverable under RCW 43.20B.030 and 43.20B.620 through 43.20B.645. It shall be the duty of recipients of cash benefits to notify the department of changes to earned income as defined in \*RCW 74.04.005(11). It shall be the duty of recipients of cash benefits to notify the department of changes to liquid resources as defined in \*RCW 74.04.005(10) that would result in ineligibility for cash benefits. It shall be the duty of recipients of food benefits to report changes in income that result in ineligibility for food benefits. All recipients shall report changes required in this section by the tenth of the month following the month in which the change occurs. The department shall make a determination of eligibility within ten days from the date it receives the reported change from the recipient. The department shall adopt rules consistent with federal law and regulations for additional reporting requirements. The department shall advise applicants for assistance that failure to report as required, failure to reveal resources or income, and false statements will result in recovery by the state of any overpayment and may result in criminal prosecution. [2003 c 208 s 1; 1998 c 79 s 7; 1987 c 75 s 32; 1982 c 201 s 16; 1980 c 84 s 2; 1979 c 141 s 306; 1973 1st ex.s. c 49 s 1; 1969 ex.s. c 173 s 18; 1959 c 26 s 74.04.300. Prior: 1957 c 63 s 3; 1953 c 174 s 35; 1939 c 216 s 27; RRS s 10007-127a.]

**\*Reviser's note:** RCW 74.04.005 was amended by 2010 1st sp.s. c 8 s 4, changing subsections (11) and (10) to subsections (12) and (11), respectively. RCW 74.04.005 was subsequently alphabetized pursuant to RCW 1.08.015(2)(k), changing subsections (12) and (11) to subsections (9) and (13), respectively.

**Savings—1987 c 75:** See RCW 43.20B.900.