

WAC 296-31-056 Can providers be charged interest on incorrect or inappropriate payments? (1) When you receive a payment to which you are not entitled, you must repay the excess payment, plus accrued interest, without regard to whether the excess payment occurred due to your error or department error or oversight.

EXCEPTION: If you accept in good faith a determination by the department that a crime victim client is eligible for benefits under the Crime Victims Act and we later determine the client was ineligible for services, interest will not begin to accrue until notification is received by you that the client was ineligible.

(2) Interest will accrue on excess payments at the rate of one percent per month or portion of a month beginning on the thirty-first day after payment was made. When partial payment of an excess payment is made, interest accrues on the remaining balance.

(3) The department has the option of requesting you to remit the amount of the excess payment and accrued interest or offsetting excess payments and accrued interest against future payments due to you.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 7.68.030, 7.68.080, 51.48.250, 51.48.260. WSR 00-03-056, § 296-31-056, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00.]