

**WAC 110-15-0065 Calculation of income.** DSHS uses a consumer's countable income when determining income eligibility and copayment. A consumer's countable income is the sum of all income listed in WAC 110-15-0060 minus any child support paid out through a court order, division of child support administrative order, or tribal government order.

- (1) To determine a consumer's income, DSHS either:
    - (a) Calculates an average monthly income by:
      - (i) Determining the number of months, weeks or pay periods it took the consumer's WCCC household to earn the income; and dividing the income by the same number of months, weeks or pay periods.
      - (ii) If the past wages are no longer reflective of the current income, DSHS may accept the employer's statement of current, anticipated wages for future income determination.
    - (b) When the consumer begins new employment and has less than three months of wages, DSHS uses the best available estimate of the consumer's WCCC household's current income:
      - (i) As verified by the consumer's employer; or
      - (ii) As provided by the consumer through a verbal or written statement documenting the new employment at the time of application, reapplication or change reporting, and wage verification within sixty days of DSHS request.
  - (2) If a consumer receives a lump sum payment (such as money from the sale of property or back child support payment) in the month of application or during the consumer's WCCC eligibility:
    - (a) DSHS calculates a monthly amount by dividing the lump sum payment by twelve;
    - (b) DSHS adds the monthly amount to the consumer's expected average monthly income:
      - (i) For the month it was received; and
      - (ii) For the remaining months of the current eligibility period;
- and
- (c) To remain eligible for WCCC the consumer must meet WCCC income guidelines after the lump sum payment is applied.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.216.055, 43.216.065 and 42 U.S.C. 9858, et seq. WSR 19-08-020, § 110-15-0065, filed 3/26/19, effective 4/26/19. WSR 18-14-078, recodified as § 110-15-0065, filed 6/29/18, effective 7/1/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060 and 43.215.070. WSR 17-23-017, § 170-290-0065, filed 11/3/17, effective 12/4/17. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070, and chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 16-09-059, § 170-290-0065, filed 4/15/16, effective 5/16/16. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.215.060, 43.215.070, 2006 c 265, and chapter 43.215 RCW. WSR 09-22-043, § 170-290-0065, filed 10/28/09, effective 12/1/09. WSR 08-08-047, recodified as § 170-290-0065, filed 3/27/08, effective 3/27/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.12.340, 74.13.085, and 2003 1st sp.s. c 25. WSR 04-08-021 and 04-08-134, § 388-290-0065, filed 3/29/04 and 4/7/04, effective 5/28/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050 and C.F.R. Parts 98 and 99 (Child Care Development Fund Rules). WSR 02-01-135, § 388-290-0065, filed 12/19/01, effective 1/19/02.]