

# Chapter 388-455 WAC

## LUMP SUM INCOME

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**WAC 388-455-0005 How do lump sum payments affect benefits?** (1) A lump sum payment is money that someone receives but does not expect to receive on a continuing basis.

(2) For cash assistance, we count a lump sum payment:

(a) As a resource, under WAC 388-455-0010, if it was awarded for wrongful death, personal injury, damage, or loss of property.

(b) As income, under WAC 388-455-0015, if it was received for any other reason, with the exception of subsection (3) and (4) of this section.

(3) For cash assistance programs, tax refunds and earned income tax lump sums are excluded as income and excluded as a resource for twelve months from the date of receipt.

(4) For Basic Food, we count lump sum payments for a previous period as a resource under WAC 388-470-0055. We count any amount for current or future months as income to your assistance unit.

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**WAC 388-455-0010 When and how does the department treat lump sum payments as a resource for cash assistance programs?** (1) If you receive a lump sum payment, we count it as a resource if it was awarded for:

- (a) Wrongful death;
- (b) Personal injury;
- (c) Damage; or
- (d) Loss of property.

(2) If some of your lump sum payment is designated for medical bills or to repair or replace damaged property, we do not count the designated amount as a resource for sixty days starting the month after you received the payment. After the sixty day period, we count all of the lump sum payment that remains as a resource.

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**WAC 388-455-0015 When and how does the department treat lump sum payments as income for cash assistance programs?** This section applies to cash assistance programs.

(1) If you receive a lump sum payment that is not awarded for wrongful death, personal injury, damage, or loss of property, we count this payment as income to your assistance unit. We budget this income according to effective date rules under WAC 388-418-0020.

(2) For cash assistance, if you cannot access some or all of your lump sum payment for reasons beyond your control, we will adjust the amount we count as income to your assistance unit as described under WAC 388-450-0005.

(3) To decide the amount of your lump sum we count as income, we take the following steps:

(a) First, we subtract the value of your current resources from the resource limit under WAC 388-470-0005;

(b) Then, we subtract the difference in (3)(a) from the total amount of the lump sum; and

(c) The amount left over is what we count as income, as specified in WAC 388-450-0025 and 388-450-0030.

(4) When the countable amount of the lump sum payment is:

(a) Less than your payment standard plus additional requirements, we count it as income in the month it is received.

(b) More than one month's payment standard plus additional requirements but less than two months:

(i) We count the portion equal to one month's payment standard plus additional requirements as income in the month it is received; and

(ii) We count the remainder as income the following month.

(c) Equal to or greater than the total of the payment standard plus additional requirements for the month of receipt and the following month, we count the payment as income for those months.

(5) If you receive a one-time lump sum payment, and you are ineligible or disqualified from receiving cash benefits:

(a) We allocate the payment to meet your needs as described under WAC 388-450-0105; and

(b) Count the remainder as a lump sum payment available to eligible members of your assistance unit according to the rules of this section.

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