

WAC 110-15-2420 Copay for early head start-child care partnership slots. (1) If the consumer's family countable monthly income falls within the range below, then the copayment is:

If a Consumer's Income Is:	Then the Consumer's Copayment Is:
(a) At or below 82% of the federal poverty guidelines (FPG).	\$15
(b) Above 82% of the FPG up to 137.5% of the FPG.	\$65
(c) Above 137.5% of the FPG through 200% of the FPG.	The dollar amount equal to subtracting 137.5% of the FPG from countable income, multiplying by 50%, then adding \$65.00
(d) Above 200% of the FPG, a consumer is not eligible for WCCC benefits.	

(2) DSHS does not prorate the copayment when a consumer uses care for part of a month.

(3) The copayment is per family, not per provider or child. If the consumer has a child receiving working connections child care (WCCC) and another child receiving partnership-slot child care, the consumer chooses which provider will receive the copayment.

(4) The consumer pays the minimum copayment when he or she is a minor parent, and:

- (a) Receives temporary assistance for needy families (TANF); or
- (b) Is part of the parent's or relative's TANF assistance unit.

(5) The consumer pays the copayment directly to the child care provider or arranges for a third party to pay the copayment directly to the provider.

(6) In cases of overdue or past due copayments, the consumer, as a condition of maintaining eligibility, must do one or more of the following:

- (a) Pay past or overdue copayments.
- (b) Give DSHS a written agreement between the provider and consumer to verify that copayment arrangements include one or more of the following:
 - (i) An installment payment plan;
 - (ii) A collection agency payment plan;
 - (iii) In-kind services in lieu of paying the copayment; or
 - (iv) Forgiveness of the copayment from the provider; or
- (c) Provide proof that the consumer has attempted to pay a copayment to a licensed provider who is no longer in business. "Proof" includes, but is not limited to, a return receipt that was signed for and not responded to, or a returned document that was not picked up.

(7) The provider collects copayments directly from the consumer or the consumer's third-party payor, and report to DSHS if the consumer has not paid a copayment within the previous sixty days.

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