

WAC 182-512-0200 SSI-related medical—Definition of resources.

(1) A resource is any cash, other personal property, or real property that an applicant, recipient or other financially responsible person:

(a) Owns;

(b) Has the right, authority, or power to convert to cash (if not already cash); and

(c) Has the legal right to use for his/her support and maintenance.

(2) The value of a resource may change. However, the property (personal or real) still remains a resource.

(3) Some assets are not resources. Any asset that does not meet the criteria in subsection (1) above is not a resource.

(4) When an SSI-related client owns a bank account or time deposit jointly with others who are also SSI-related clients, we consider the funds as being available to the SSI-related individuals in equal shares, unless sufficient evidence to the contrary is provided.

(5) When an SSI-related client owns a bank account or time deposit jointly with others who are not SSI-related, we consider all funds in the joint account as available to the client unless sufficient evidence to the contrary is provided.

(6) When an SSI-related client jointly owns either real or personal property other than bank accounts or time deposits, the department considers that the client owns and has available only his or her fractional interest in the property unless sufficient evidence to the contrary is provided.

(7) A resource is countable toward the resource limit only if it is available and is not excluded.

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