

**WAC 388-14A-2035 Do I assign my rights to support when I receive public assistance?**

(1) When you receive public assistance you assign your rights to support to the state. This section applies to all applicants and recipients of cash assistance under the state program funded under Title IV-A of the federal Social Security Act.

(2) As a condition of eligibility for assistance, a family member must assign to the state the right to collect and keep, subject to the limitation in subsection (3), any support owing to the family member or to any other person for whom the family member has applied for or is receiving assistance.

(3) Amounts assigned under this section may not exceed the lesser of the total amount of assistance paid to the family or the total amount of the assigned support obligation.

(4) When you receive medicaid or medical benefits, you assign your rights to medical support to the state. This applies to all recipients of medical assistance under the state program funded under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act:

(a) If your children receive medicaid or other state-financed medical coverage through the department under chapter 74.09 RCW for which there is an assignment and if your order provides for the payment of a monthly payment toward the premium when the obligated parent does not provide coverage, the division of child support (DCS) may serve a notice of support owed to establish the amount owed by the noncustodial parent as a monthly payment toward the premium paid for coverage by the state, as provided in WAC 388-14A-3312.

(b) Any amounts established under WAC 388-14A-3312 for periods while your children receive medicaid or other state-financed medical coverage are assigned to the state and are distributed as provided in WAC 388-14A-5001 through 388-14A-5050.

(c) Amounts assigned under this section may not exceed the lesser of the total amount of premiums paid by the state for your children or the total amount of the assigned monthly payment toward the premium.

(5) In addition to the assignment described in this section, there is an assignment of support rights under Title IV-E of the social security act when a child receives foster care services.

(a) The state provides foster care programs which may be federally-funded or state funded, or may place a child with a relative.

(b) As part of its state plan under Title IV-D of the social security act and 45 C.F.R. 302.52, DCS provides child support enforcement services for foster care cases as required by 45 C.F.R. 302.33, RCW 74.20.330 and 74.20A.030.

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