

WAC 182-512-0900 SSI-related medical—Deeming and allocation of income. The agency considers income of financially responsible persons to determine if a portion of that income must be regarded as available to other household members.

(1) Deeming is the process of determining how much of another person's income is counted when determining Washington apple health (WAH) eligibility of an SSI-related applicant. When income is deemed to the SSI-related applicant from other household members, that income is considered the applicant's income. Income is deemed only:

(a) From a nonapplying spouse who lives with the SSI-related applicant; or

(b) From a parent(s) residing with an SSI-related applicant child.

(2) An allocation is an amount deducted from income counted in the eligibility determination and considered to be set aside for the support of a person other than the SSI-related applicant. When income is allocated to other household members from the SSI-related applicant(s) or from the applicant's spouse, that income is not counted as income of the SSI-related applicant.

(3) An SSI-related person applying for WAH categorically needy (CN) health care coverage must have countable income at or below the SSI categorically needy income level (CNIL) described in WAC 182-512-0010 unless the person is working and meets all requirements for the health care for workers with disabilities (HWD) program described in WAC 182-511-1000 through 182-511-1250.

(4) For WAH institutional or home and community based waiver programs, use rules described in WAC 182-513-1315.

(5) The agency follows rules described in WAC 182-512-0600 through 182-512-0880 to determine the countable income of an SSI-related applicant or SSI-related couple.

(6) If countable income of the applicant exceeds the one-person SSI CNIL prior to considering the income of a nonapplying spouse or children, the applicant is not eligible for WAH CN health care coverage and the agency determines eligibility for the WAH medically needy (MN) program. If the countable income does not exceed the SSI CNIL, see WAC 182-512-0920 to determine if income is to be deemed to the applicant from the nonapplying spouse.

(7) If countable income (after allowable deductions) of an SSI-related couple both applying for medical coverage exceeds the two-person SSI CNIL, the couple is not eligible for WAH CN health care coverage and the agency determines eligibility for the WAH medically needy (MN) program.

(8) For WAH CN health care coverage, allocations to children are deducted from the nonapplying spouse's unearned income, then from their earned income before income is deemed to the SSI-related applicant. See WAC 182-512-0820.

(9) For MN medical coverage, allocations to children are deducted from the income of the SSI-related applicant or SSI-related applicant couple. See subsection (10) of this section to determine the amount of the allocation.

(10) An SSI-related person or couple applying for WAH MN health care coverage is allowed an allocation to a nonapplying spouse, their SSI recipient spouse or their dependent child(ren) to reduce countable income before comparing income to the effective medically needy income level (MNIL) described in WAC 182-519-0050. The agency allocates income:

(a) Up to the effective one-person MNIL to a nonapplying spouse or SSI recipient spouse minus the spouse's countable income; and

(b) Up to one-half of the federal benefit rate (FBR) to each dependent minus each dependent's countable income. See WAC 182-512-0820 for child exclusions.

(11) A portion of a nonapplying spouse's income may be deemed to the SSI-related applicant:

(a) See WAC 182-512-0920(5) to determine how much income is deemed from a nonapplying spouse to the SSI-related applicant when determining WAH CN eligibility; and

(b) See WAC 182-512-0920(10) to determine how much income is deemed from a nonapplying spouse to the SSI-related applicant when determining WAH MN eligibility.

(12) A portion of the income of an ineligible parent or parents is allocated to the needs of an SSI-related applicant child. See WAC 182-512-0940 (4) through (7) to determine how much income is allocated from ineligible parent(s).

(13) When income must be deemed from the sponsor or sponsors of a noncitizen applicant or recipient, see WAC 182-512-0795 to determine the amount that must be counted as income of the noncitizen applicant or recipient.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), 42 C.F.R. §§ 431, 435, 457 and 45 C.F.R. § 155. WSR 14-07-059, § 182-512-0900, filed 3/14/14, effective 4/14/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021. WSR 12-20-001, § 182-512-0900, filed 9/19/12, effective 10/20/12. WSR 11-24-018, reodified as § 182-512-0900, filed 11/29/11, effective 12/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 11-15-023, § 388-475-0900, filed 7/8/11, effective 8/8/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090. WSR 04-09-005, § 388-475-0900, filed 4/7/04, effective 6/1/04.]