

WAC 388-450-0010 The department takes some or all of your time-loss benefits if you get cash assistance while waiting for your claim to be processed.

(1) Some people who are hurt on the job can get time-loss benefits because of their injury. The time-loss benefits are paid by an agency, such as the department of labor and industries or a private insurance company.

(2) If you are an adult or minor child who gets cash assistance while waiting for your time-loss benefit claim to be processed, you are required to let the department take some or all of your time-loss benefits as repayment for your cash assistance. We will take our portion of the time-loss benefits before you get yours. You agree to this when you sign the application and accept your cash benefits.

(3) The amount of your time-loss benefits that we take will not be more than the total amount of cash assistance you got while waiting for your claim to be approved.

(4) If your assistance unit includes another adult to whom you are not married, the amount of your time-loss benefits we take may be less than the amount of cash assistance you received.

(5) Each time we take our portion from your time-loss benefits, the office of financial recovery (OFR) will send you a letter telling you how much we are taking.

(6) If you or your attorney claim that you are getting more time-loss benefits because of the help of your attorney, OFR will:

(a) First, figure out:

(i) How much of your time-loss benefits are a direct result of your attorney's work; and

(ii) Our proportionate share of your attorney's fees and costs for the amount we are taking; and

(b) Then, either:

(i) Subtract our share of your attorney's fees and costs from the amount we are taking; or

(ii) Send your attorney their share of the time-loss benefits we have taken.

(c) Send a copy of the account summary to you.

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