

**WAC 388-449-0050 How does the department determine the severity of multiple impairments?** (1) If you have more than one impairment, we decide the overall severity rating by determining if your impairments have a combined effect on your ability to be gainfully employed.

(2) When you have two or more diagnosed impairments that limit work activities, we assign an overall severity rating as follows:

<b>Your Condition</b>	<b>Severity Rating</b>
(i) All impairments are mild and there is no cumulative effect on basic work activities.	Mild
(ii) All impairments are mild and there is a significant cumulative effect on one or more basic work activities.	Moderate
(iii) Two or more impairments are of moderate severity and there is a very significant cumulative effect on basic work activities.	Marked
(iv) Two or more impairments are of marked severity.	Severe

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