

WAC 388-450-0138 Does the department allocate income of an ineligible spouse to a housing and essential needs (HEN) referral client? This section applies to referrals to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program.

(1) When a HEN referral client is married and lives with their ineligible spouse, we take the following steps to figure out how much income we count:

(a) We start by totaling earned income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0030, and subtract the earned income deduction, as defined in WAC 388-450-0178;

(b) We add all the unearned income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0025;

(c) We subtract the difference between the two person and one person payment standards (payment standards can be found in WAC 388-478-0033).

(2) We subtract any court or administratively ordered child support paid for legal dependents. This includes both current and back support. The amount cannot exceed the standard of need in WAC 388-478-0015 for the number of dependents.

(3) Then, we compare the remaining income after deductions in subsections (1) and (2) of this section to the income limits defined in WAC 388-478-0090.

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