

**WAC 246-790-550 Participant claims.** (1) If the department determines that a WIC participant has committed a violation listed in WAC 246-790-530 which involves the misuse of WIC benefits, the department shall establish a claim against the participant for the full value of such benefits.

(2) The department shall provide a written notice to the WIC participant of the claim, describing the violation, and demanding a specific repayment amount.

(3) If the WIC participant does not appeal the claim as provided in WAC 246-790-570, make full restitution, or agree to a repayment schedule within thirty days of receiving the letter, the department may take additional collection actions as authorized by law, unless the department determines that further collection actions would not be cost-effective.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.120. WSR 17-08-020, § 246-790-550, filed 3/27/17, effective 4/27/17.]