

**WAC 388-14A-2036 What does assigning my rights to support mean?**

(1) As a condition of eligibility for assistance, a family member must assign to the state the right to collect and keep, subject to the limitation in WAC 388-14A-2035(3):

(a) Any support owing to the family member or to any other person for whom the family member has applied for or is receiving assistance if the family applied for cash public assistance before October 1, 2008.

(b) Support owing to the family member, or to any other person for whom the family member has applied for or is receiving cash public assistance, for any month during which the family receives assistance.

(2) While your family receives assistance, support is distributed and disbursed in accordance with WAC 388-14A-5000 through 388-14A-5015.

(3) After your family terminates from assistance, certain accrued arrears remain assigned to the state in accordance with the following rules:

(a) For assistance applications dated prior to October 1, 1997, you permanently assigned to the state all rights to support which accrued before the application date until the date your family terminated from assistance.

(b) For assistance applications dated on or after October 1, 1997, and before October 1, 2000:

(i) You permanently assigned to the state all rights to support which accrued while your family receives assistance; and

(ii) You temporarily assigned to the state all rights to support which accrued before the application date, until October 1, 2000, or when your family terminated from assistance, whichever date is later.

(c) For assistance applications dated on or after October 1, 2000, and before October 1, 2008:

(i) You permanently assigned to the state all rights to support which accrued while the family received assistance; and

(ii) You temporarily assigned to the state all rights to support which accrued before the application date, until the date your family terminated from assistance.

(d) For assistance applications dated on or after October 1, 2008, you permanently assign to the state all rights to support which accrue while the family receives assistance.

(4) When you assign your medical support rights to the state, you authorize the state on behalf of yourself and the children in your care to enforce the noncustodial parent's full duty to provide medical support.

(a) When you begin receiving medicaid or medical assistance, you do not assign to the state any accrued medical support arrears that may be owed to you by the noncustodial parent (NCP).

(b) If your support order provides for the payment of a monthly payment toward the premium when the obligated parent does not provide coverage, the division of child support (DCS) may serve a notice of support owed to establish the amount owed by the NCP as a monthly payment toward the premium paid for coverage by the state, as provided in WAC 388-14A-3312.

(c) After you terminate medicaid or medical assistance, any assigned medical arrears remain assigned to the state.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 26.09.105(17), 26.18.170(19), 26.23.050(8), 26.23.110(14), 34.05.020, 34.05.060, 34.05.220, 74.08.090, 74.20.040, 74.20A.055(9), and 74.20A.056(11). WSR 11-12-006, § 388-14A-2036,

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