## (Effective until August 1, 2024)

WAC 388-450-0137 Does the department allocate income of an ineligible spouse to an ABD cash client? This section applies to the aged, blind, or disabled (ABD) cash assistance program.

- (1) When an ABD cash client is married and lives with the nonapplying spouse, the following income is available to the client:
- (a) The remainder of the client's wages, retirement benefits or separate property after reducing the income by:
- (i) The ABD cash work incentive deduction, as specified in WAC 388-450-0177; and
- (ii) An amount not to exceed the department's standard of need for court or administratively ordered current or back support for legal dependents.
- (b) The remainder of the nonapplying spouse's wages, retirement benefits and separate property after reducing the income by:
- (i) An amount not to exceed the department's standard of need for court or administratively ordered current or back support for legal dependents; and
- (ii) The payment standard amount as specified under WAC 388-478-0033 which includes ineligible assistance unit members.
- (c) One-half of all other community income, as provided in WAC 388-450-0005.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-450-0137, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.]

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- (1) The community income of the ineligible spouse and applying spouse is combined. See WAC 388-450-0005 to determine what income is available as community income. To figure out how much income we count, we take the following steps:
- (a) We start by totaling earned income, as defined in WAC 388-450-0030, and subtract the earned income deductions outlined in WAC 388-450-0177;
- (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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74.04.0052, 74.08.025, 74.08.043, 74.08.090, 74.08.335, 74.08A.100, 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.09.035, 74.09.530, and 74.62.030. WSR 74.08A.120, 74.08A.230, 74.09.033, 74.09.330, and 74.62.030. WSR 24-11-019, § 388-450-0137, filed 5/7/24, effective 8/1/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.005, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, 74.04.057, 74.04.510, 74.08.090, 74.08A.100, 74.04.770, 74.04.0052, 74.04.655, 74.08.043, 74.08.335, and 2011 1st sp.s. c 36. WSR 12-10-042, § 388-450-0137, filed 4/27/12, effective 6/1/12.