

WAC 388-460-0010 Do I have an authorized representative for basic food if I live in a treatment center or group home? (1) If you live in a qualified developmental disabilities administration (DDA) group home under WAC 388-408-0040, you may choose to apply for basic food benefits:

- (a) On your own behalf;
- (b) Through an authorized representative of your choice; or
- (c) Through the DDA group home acting as your authorized representative.

(2) If you live in a qualified drug and alcohol treatment center under WAC 388-408-0040, you ~~((must))~~ must have an employee of the facility as your authorized representative for basic food.

(3) The person acting as authorized representative for residents in a qualified drug and alcohol treatment facility or qualified DDA group home must:

- (a) Be aware of the resident's circumstances;
- (b) Notify the department of any changes in income, resources, or circumstances within ten days of the change;
- (c) Use the resident's basic food benefits for meals served to the resident; and

(d) ~~((Keep enough benefits in the facility's account to transfer one-half of a client's monthly allotment to the client's own account. If the client leaves the facility on or before the fifteenth of the month, the facility must return one-half of the client's Basic Food allotment for that month))~~ Give you a change in circumstances report form, when the representative learns you plan to leave the center, and advise you to report any changes as required under WAC 388-418-0005 to the department within ten days of the date of change.

(4) When a facility assigns an employee as the authorized representative for residents, the facility accepts responsibility for:

- (a) Any misrepresentation or intentional program violation; and
- (b) Liability for basic food benefits held at the facility on behalf of the resident.

(5) When you leave a facility, the person acting as your authorized representative must:

- (a) Either:
 - (i) Return to you a prorated amount of your basic food allotment for that month based on the number of days remaining in the month; or
 - (ii) Notify the department, within five days of your departure, that the facility is unable to refund your prorated share;

(b) Notify the department of your change in address, new address if available, and that the facility is no longer your authorized representative; and

(c) Provide you with your electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card within five days of leaving the facility if the facility was in possession of the card.