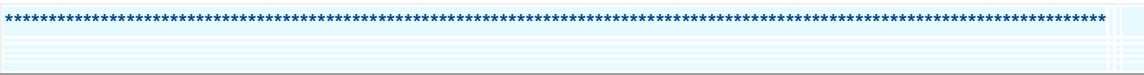


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Summary

Updated clarifying information for WAC 388-450-0162
See below for edited text:



Clarifying Information and Worker Responsibilities

How to Calculate Basic Food benefits

Staff must understand how to calculate Basic Food benefits in order to explain how a client's income and circumstances affect their benefits. Use the following procedures to determine an AU's Basic Food benefits.

Gross income:

1. Determine total ~~countable~~ gross income for all AUs as follows:
 1. Include all dollar and cent amounts when calculating;
 2. Add all non-excluded earned income from all sources;
 3. Add all non-excluded unearned income from all sources; ~~and~~
 4. Add all deemed and allocated income; ~~and~~.

~~4.5. Subtract legally obligated child support payments made by an AU member to or for a person who is not a member of the AU.~~

2. Compare total ~~countable~~ gross income to the gross income standard.
3. Deny the application or terminate benefits for AUs with income above the gross income standard under [WAC 388-478-0060](#) unless the AU:
 - o Includes an elderly or disabled person; or
 - o Is categorically eligible (CE) under [WAC 388-414-0001](#).
4. Determine net income for AUs that meet the gross income standard and for AUs containing an elderly or disabled member.

Net income:

Start with all dollar and cent amounts for income that is not excluded for Basic Food and all allowable expenses.

1. Subtract the following from the AU's gross income:
 1. The appropriate standard deduction based on AU size;
 2. The earned income deduction, if appropriate, which is 20% of gross earned income;
 3. Out-of-pocket dependent care expenses;
 - ~~4. Allowable non-reimbursable medical expenses over \$35 for persons in the AU who are elderly or disabled.~~
- ~~5.4. Legally obligated child support payments made by an AU member to or for a person who is not a member of the AU.~~
2. Calculate the shelter cost income deduction:
 1. Start with the AU's allowable monthly shelter costs including the utility deduction;
 2. Subtract ½ of the result from step 1. above.
 - If the AU includes a person who is elderly or has a disability, we use the result from step b above as the shelter cost income deduction.
 - If the AU **does not** include an elderly or disabled person, we use the lesser amount of the result from step b or the maximum shelter deduction for these households under [WAC 388-450-0190](#).
3. Take the result from step 1. Subtract the result from step 2 to calculate the AU's net income. Round this value to the nearest whole dollar (Round up from \$.50 and down from \$.49.)
4. Compare net income from step 3 to the net income standard.