

**WAC 192-620-045 How will the department reduce a payment if the employee owes child support?** (1) After being properly notified by a child support agency, the department will withhold a portion of an employee's benefit payment to send to the agency to satisfy child support obligations.

(2) The child support agency is responsible for notifying the employee of the order to deduct child support from paid family or medical leave benefits.

(3) Benefits deducted to satisfy child support obligations are considered paid to the employee. If an employee receives benefits to which the employee is not entitled, the amount deducted to satisfy child support obligations will be included in the overpayment.

(4) The child support agency is responsible for reimbursing the employee if the amount deducted from the employee's benefits is greater than the employee is required to pay to satisfy the employee's child support obligations. If an amount less than the employee is required to pay is deducted from the employee's benefits, the department will deduct the additional amount from future benefit weeks.

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