

**RCW 48.155.040 Surety bond—Deposit in lieu of bond.** (1) Each licensed discount plan organization shall continuously maintain in force a surety bond in its own name in an amount not less than thirty-five thousand dollars to be used in the discretion of the commissioner to protect the financial interest of Washington members. The bond must be issued by an insurance company licensed to do business in this state.

(2) In lieu of the bond specified in subsection (1) of this section, a licensed discount plan organization may deposit and maintain deposited with the commissioner, or at the discretion of the commissioner, with any organization or trustee acceptable to the commissioner through which a custodial or controlled account is utilized, cash, securities, or any combination of these or other measures that are acceptable to the commissioner which always have a market value of not less than thirty-five thousand dollars.

(3) All income from a deposit made under subsection (2) of this section is an asset of the discount plan organization.

(4) Except for the commissioner, the assets or securities held in this state as a deposit under subsection (1) or (2) of this section are not subject to levy by a judgment creditor or other claimant of the discount plan organization. [2009 c 175 § 7.]