

**WAC 182-515-1514 Home and community based (HCB) services authorized by the developmental disabilities administration (DDA)—Client financial responsibility.** (1) A client eligible for home and community based (HCB) waiver services authorized by the developmental disabilities administration (DDA) under WAC 182-515-1513 must pay toward the cost of care and room and board under this section.

(a) Post-eligibility treatment of income, participation, and participate are all terms that refer to a client's responsibility towards cost of care.

(b) Room and board is a term that refers to a client's responsibility toward food and shelter in an alternate living facility (ALF).

(2) The agency determines how much a client must pay toward the cost of care for home and community based (HCB) waiver services authorized by the DDA when the client is living at home, as follows:

(a) A single client who lives at home (as defined in WAC 388-106-0010) keeps a personal needs allowance (PNA) of up to the special income level (SIL) defined under WAC 182-513-1100.

(b) A single client who lives at home on the roads to community living program authorized by DDA keeps a PNA up to the SIL but must pay any remaining available income toward cost of care after allowable deductions described in subsection (4) of this section.

(c) A married client who lives with the client's spouse at home (as defined in WAC 388-106-0010) keeps a PNA of up to the SIL but must pay any remaining available income toward cost of care after allowable deductions under subsection (4) of this section.

(d) A married couple living at home where each client receives HCB waiver services, one authorized by DDA and the other authorized by home and community services (HCS) is allowed the following:

(i) The client authorized by DDA keeps a PNA of up to the SIL but must pay any remaining available income toward the client's cost of care after allowable deductions in subsection (4) of this section; and

(ii) The client authorized by HCS pays toward the cost of care under WAC 182-515-1507 or 182-515-1509.

(3) The agency determines how much a client must pay toward the cost of care for HCB waiver services authorized by DDA and room and board when the client is living in a department-contracted ALF defined under WAC 182-513-1100. A client:

(a) Keeps a PNA under WAC 182-513-1105;

(b) Pays room and board up to the room and board standard under WAC 182-513-1105; and

(c) Pays the remainder of available income toward the cost of care after allowable deductions under subsection (4) of this section.

(4) If income remains after the PNA and room and board liability under subsection (2) or (3) of this section, the remaining available income must be paid toward the cost of care after it is reduced by allowable deductions in the following order:

(a) An earned income deduction of the first \$65, plus one-half of the remaining earned income;

(b) Guardianship fees and administrative costs including any attorney fees paid by the guardian only as allowed under chapter 388-79A WAC;

(c) Current or back child support garnished or withheld from the client's income according to a child support order in the month of the garnishment if it is for the current month. If the agency allows this as a deduction from income, the agency does not count it as the

child's income when determining the family allocation amount in WAC 182-513-1385;

(d) A monthly maintenance-needs allowance for the community spouse under WAC 182-513-1385. If the community spouse is on long-term care services, the allocation is limited to an amount that brings the community spouse's income to the community spouse's PNA;

(e) A monthly maintenance-needs allowance for each dependent of the institutionalized client, or the client's spouse, as calculated under WAC 182-513-1385; and

(f) Incurred medical expenses which have not been used to reduce excess resources. Allowable medical expenses are under WAC 182-513-1350.

(5) The total of the following deductions cannot exceed the SIL defined under WAC 182-513-1100:

(a) The PNA described in subsection (2) or (3) of this section, including room and board;

(b) The earned income deduction in subsection (4)(a) of this section; and

(c) The guardianship fees and administrative costs in subsection (4)(b) of this section.

(6) A client may have to pay third-party resources defined under WAC 182-513-1100 in addition to the room and board and participation.

(7) A client must pay the client's provider the sum of the room and board amount, the cost of care after all allowable deductions, and any third-party resources defined under WAC 182-513-1100.

(8) A client on HCB waiver services does not pay more than the state rate for cost of care.

(9) When a client lives in multiple living arrangements in a month, the agency allows the highest PNA available based on all the living arrangements and services the client has received in a month.

(10) Standards described in this section are found at [www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/program-standard-income-and-resources](http://www.hca.wa.gov/free-or-low-cost-health-care/i-help-others-apply-and-access-apple-health/program-standard-income-and-resources).

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