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Summary

Reminds staff that the department is amending WAC 388-450-0015 What types of income does the department not use to figure out my benefits?, to exclude the federal \$25 supplemental weekly unemployment compensation payment authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for cash programs.

INCOME - TREATMENT

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Purpose: This section contains general rules and procedures to decide if a type of income is excluded and disregarded, unearned, or earned.

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| WAC 388-450-0015 | What types of income are not used when figuring out my benefits? |
| WAC 388-450-0025 | What is unearned income? |
| WAC 388-450-0030 | What is earned income? |

See also [Treatment of Income Chart](#).

WAC 388-450-0015

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WAC 388-450-0015 What types of income are not used when figuring out my benefits?

This section applies to cash assistance, children's, family, or pregnancy medical, and basic food benefits.

1. There are some types of income we do not count to figure out if you can get benefits and the amount you can get. Some examples of income we do not count are:
 - a. Bona fide loans as defined in WAC [388-470-0045](#), except certain student loans as specified under WAC [388-450-0035](#);
 - b. Federal earned income tax credit (EITC) payments;
 - c. Federal economic stimulus payments that are excluded for federal and federally-assisted state programs;
 - d. [Federal Twenty-five dollar \(\\$25\) supplemental weekly unemployment compensation payment authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#);
 - d.e. Title IV-E and state foster care maintenance payments if you choose not to include the foster child in your assistance unit;
 - e.f. Energy assistance payments;
 - f.g. Educational assistance we do not count under WAC [388-450-0035](#);
 - g.h. Native American benefits and payments we do not count under WAC [388-450-0040](#);
 - h.i. Income from employment and training programs we do not count under WAC [388-450-0045](#);
 - i.j. Money withheld from a benefit to repay an overpayment from the same income source. For Basic Food, we **do not** exclude money that is withheld because you were overpaid for purposely not meeting requirements of a federal, state, or local means tested program such as TANF/SFA, GA, and SSI;
 - j.k. Legally obligated child support payments received by someone who gets TANF/SFA benefits;
 - k.l. One-time payments issued under the Department of State or Department of Justice Reception and Replacement Programs, such as Voluntary Agency (VOLAG) payments; and
 - l.m. Payments we are directly told to exclude as income under state or federal law.
 - m.n. **For cash and Basic Food:** Payments made to someone outside of the household for the benefits of the assistance unit using funds that are not owed to the household;
 - n.o. **For Basic Food Only:** The total monthly amount of all legally obligated current or back child support payments paid by the assistance unit to someone outside of the assistance unit for:
 - (i) A person who is not in the assistance unit; or
 - (ii) A person who is in the assistance unit to cover a period of time when they were not living with the member of the assistance

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unit responsible for paying the child support on their behalf.

| ~~e.p.~~ **For medical assistance:** Only the portion of income used to repay the cost of obtaining that income source.

2. For children's, family, or pregnancy medical, we also do not count any insurance proceeds or other income you have recovered as a result of being a Holocaust survivor.