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Summary

Updated Worker Responsibilities under [WAC 388-450-0190](#) to address shelter expense deductions.

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See below for edited text:

Worker Responsibilities - WAC 388-450-0190

Determining Homeless Shelter Deduction

The system will determine if the household is entitled to the homeless shelter deduction. To ensure the deduction is correctly determined:

1. Code the correct living arrangement for the homeless client on Client Details.
2. Review the case for shelter expenses and enter expenses on Shelter Details.
 - a. If the client doesn't have shelter expenses they won't qualify for the ~~\$179~~190 standard homeless deduction.
 - b. If the client does have shelter expenses:

- i. If the shelter expenses results in the total shelter deduction being equal to or less than \$179190, the client will receive a homeless shelter deduction in the amount of \$179190.
- ii. If the shelter expenses results in the total shelter deduction being more than \$179190, the client will receive the higher allowable shelter deduction.

EXAMPLE: Jody is currently homeless and is staying with various friends. During the month Jody pays a total of \$50 to her friends. The shelter expenses entered is \$50. Jody will receive the \$179190 homeless shelter deduction.

EXAMPLE: Jameel is currently homeless with shelter and his monthly shelter expense is \$750. The worker enters \$750 on the shelter expense screen in 3G. Jameel's homeless shelter deduction will be more than the \$179190.

EXAMPLE: Peter is currently homeless and staying with various friends. He has no obligation to provide any shelter expense. Peter isn't eligible for the homeless shelter deduction as he has no shelter expenses.