Fee Reduction Guidelines

Fees are reduced to \$10 if after-tax income is less than \$20,000 <u>and</u> above 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Proof of income includes:

- Tax returns
- Pay stubs
- Unemployment stubs

Fees are reduced to \$5 if receiving SSI, SSDI or other public benefits <u>and</u> income is above 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Proof of benefits includes:

- ProviderOne Services card
- Proof of state health insurance
- SSI or SSDI

Fees are waived if after-tax income is less than 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, receiving TANF or Food Stamps.

Proof of income or benefits includes:

- Tax returns
- Pay stubs
- Unemployment stubs
- Award letter for TANF
- EBT Card

2016 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline	125% Poverty guideline
1	\$11,880	\$14,850
2	\$16,020	\$20,025
3	\$20,160	\$25,200
4	\$24,300	\$30,375
5	\$28,440	\$35,550
6	\$32,580	\$40,725
7	\$36,730	\$45,913
8	\$40,890	\$51,113

^{*}For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person in the Poverty guideline column.

Note:

The Federal poverty guidelines set by the Census Bureau uses <u>gross</u> income – "money income before taxes and does not include capital gains or noncash benefits (such as public housing, Medicaid, and food stamps)." http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/about/overview/measure.html

Washington State, however, when applying GR 34, uses an "indigent" definition based on <u>net</u> income (among other criteria). The net definition is not explicit within the rule. GR 34(3)(B) simply states a person receives the waiver where, among other criteria, "his or her household income is at or below 125 percent of the federal poverty guideline."

However, the state has statutorily defined someone as indigent according to the poverty guidelines if they are "[r]eceiving an annual income, *after taxes*, of one hundred twenty-five percent or less of the current federally established poverty level" (emphasis added). *See* RCW 10.101.010(3)(c).