

Department of Children and Families

Division of Early Care and Education

Wisconsin Shares Copayment Schedule

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The Assistance Group's (AG's) Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL)
The copayment (copay) calculation uses the assistance group's monthly income and assistance group size to determine the FPL percentage. If the assistance group's income is between two lines, it uses the lower amount.

The Copay per Hour
The copay calculation uses the number of children with Wisconsin Shares authorizations to find the Copay per Hour for the AG's FPL.

Total Assistance Group (AG) Copay Hours
This step only considers authorized children with Regular copay types*. For each month, the copay calculation adds together the number of authorized hours for all children. Each child contributes up to 152 hours per child care provider location. If a child is authorized to more than one location, the total number of hours for that child for all locations is capped at 152. If an assistance group has five children or more, the maximum hours will be 5 times 152 (760).

	Gross Monthly Assistance Group Income										NUMBER OF CHILDREN WITH AUTHORIZATIONS									
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10 or more		1	2	3	4	5 or more					
65% FPL	\$1,068	\$1,347	\$1,625	\$1,903	\$2,182	\$2,460	\$2,739	\$3,017	\$3,296	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15					
70% FPL	\$1,150	\$1,450	\$1,750	\$2,050	\$2,350	\$2,650	\$2,949	\$3,249	\$3,549	\$0.20	\$0.19	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18					
75% FPL	\$1,233	\$1,554	\$1,875	\$2,196	\$2,518	\$2,839	\$3,160	\$3,481	\$3,803	\$0.26	\$0.23	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.20	\$0.20					
80% FPL	\$1,315	\$1,657	\$2,000	\$2,343	\$2,685	\$3,028	\$3,371	\$3,713	\$4,056	\$0.39	\$0.29	\$0.26	\$0.25	\$0.24	\$0.24					
85% FPL	\$1,397	\$1,761	\$2,125	\$2,489	\$2,853	\$3,217	\$3,581	\$3,945	\$4,310	\$0.52	\$0.37	\$0.31	\$0.29	\$0.28	\$0.28					
90% FPL	\$1,479	\$1,865	\$2,250	\$2,636	\$3,021	\$3,407	\$3,792	\$4,178	\$4,563	\$0.67	\$0.45	\$0.37	\$0.32	\$0.30	\$0.30					
95% FPL	\$1,561	\$1,968	\$2,375	\$2,782	\$3,189	\$3,596	\$4,003	\$4,410	\$4,817	\$0.74	\$0.49	\$0.40	\$0.35	\$0.32	\$0.32					
100% FPL	\$1,643	\$2,072	\$2,500	\$2,928	\$3,357	\$3,785	\$4,213	\$4,642	\$5,070	\$0.84	\$0.53	\$0.43	\$0.38	\$0.35	\$0.35					
105% FPL	\$1,726	\$2,175	\$2,625	\$3,075	\$3,525	\$3,974	\$4,424	\$4,874	\$5,324	\$0.90	\$0.57	\$0.46	\$0.41	\$0.38	\$0.38					
110% FPL	\$1,808	\$2,279	\$2,750	\$3,221	\$3,692	\$4,164	\$4,635	\$5,106	\$5,577	\$0.96	\$0.61	\$0.49	\$0.43	\$0.40	\$0.40					
115% FPL	\$1,890	\$2,382	\$2,875	\$3,368	\$3,860	\$4,353	\$4,845	\$5,338	\$5,831	\$1.03	\$0.65	\$0.53	\$0.46	\$0.42	\$0.42					
120% FPL	\$1,972	\$2,486	\$3,000	\$3,514	\$4,028	\$4,542	\$5,056	\$5,570	\$6,084	\$1.10	\$0.69	\$0.56	\$0.49	\$0.45	\$0.45					
125% FPL	\$2,054	\$2,590	\$3,125	\$3,660	\$4,196	\$4,731	\$5,267	\$5,802	\$6,338	\$1.22	\$0.76	\$0.61	\$0.53	\$0.48	\$0.48					
130% FPL	\$2,136	\$2,693	\$3,250	\$3,807	\$4,364	\$4,921	\$5,477	\$6,034	\$6,591	\$1.39	\$0.85	\$0.67	\$0.58	\$0.53	\$0.53					
135% FPL	\$2,219	\$2,797	\$3,375	\$3,953	\$4,532	\$5,110	\$5,688	\$6,266	\$6,845	\$1.47	\$0.90	\$0.71	\$0.61	\$0.55	\$0.55					
140% FPL	\$2,301	\$2,900	\$3,500	\$4,100	\$4,699	\$5,299	\$5,899	\$6,498	\$7,098	\$1.52	\$0.93	\$0.73	\$0.63	\$0.57	\$0.57					
145% FPL	\$2,383	\$3,004	\$3,625	\$4,246	\$4,867	\$5,488	\$6,109	\$6,730	\$7,352	\$1.60	\$0.98	\$0.77	\$0.66	\$0.60	\$0.60					
150% FPL	\$2,465	\$3,108	\$3,750	\$4,393	\$5,035	\$5,678	\$6,320	\$6,963	\$7,605	\$1.65	\$1.00	\$0.79	\$0.69	\$0.63	\$0.63					
155% FPL	\$2,547	\$3,211	\$3,875	\$4,539	\$5,203	\$5,867	\$6,531	\$7,195	\$7,859	\$1.73	\$1.05	\$0.83	\$0.73	\$0.67	\$0.67					
160% FPL	\$2,629	\$3,315	\$4,000	\$4,685	\$5,371	\$6,056	\$6,741	\$7,427	\$8,112	\$1.79	\$1.09	\$0.87	\$0.76	\$0.70	\$0.70					
165% FPL	\$2,712	\$3,418	\$4,125	\$4,832	\$5,539	\$6,245	\$6,952	\$7,659	\$8,366	\$1.85	\$1.13	\$0.91	\$0.80	\$0.74	\$0.74					
170% FPL	\$2,794	\$3,522	\$4,250	\$4,978	\$5,706	\$6,435	\$7,163	\$7,891	\$8,619	\$1.90	\$1.19	\$0.96	\$0.84	\$0.77	\$0.77					
175% FPL	\$2,876	\$3,625	\$4,375	\$5,125	\$5,874	\$6,624	\$7,373	\$8,123	\$8,873	\$1.97	\$1.24	\$1.00	\$0.88	\$0.80	\$0.80					
180% FPL	\$2,958	\$3,729	\$4,500	\$5,271	\$6,042	\$6,813	\$7,584	\$8,355	\$9,126	\$2.06	\$1.30	\$1.05	\$0.91	\$0.82	\$0.82					
185% FPL	\$3,040	\$3,833	\$4,625	\$5,417	\$6,210	\$7,002	\$7,795	\$8,587	\$9,380	\$2.15	\$1.36	\$1.08	\$0.93	\$0.84	\$0.84					
190% FPL	\$3,122	\$3,936	\$4,750	\$5,564	\$6,378	\$7,192	\$8,005	\$8,819	\$9,633	\$2.24	\$1.42	\$1.12	\$0.96	\$0.86	\$0.86					
195% FPL	\$3,205	\$4,040	\$4,875	\$5,710	\$6,546	\$7,381	\$8,216	\$9,051	\$9,887	\$2.34	\$1.46	\$1.14	\$0.99	\$0.89	\$0.89					
200% FPL	\$3,287	\$4,143	\$5,000	\$5,857	\$6,713	\$7,570	\$8,427	\$9,283	\$10,140	\$2.34	\$1.46	\$1.14	\$0.99	\$0.89	\$0.89					

+200% of the Federal Poverty Level

If an assistance group's income is above 200% FPL, the AG Copay is increased by \$1 for every \$3 that the income exceeds 200% FPL.

The Assistance Group (AG) Copay
For each month, the copay calculation multiplies the Total AG Copay Hours by the Copay per Hour amount.

The Child's Copay
For each month, the AG Copay is distributed to each child with a Regular copay type* based on that child's percent of the assistance group's total hours. The total hours for this step are capped at 152 hours per child for each provider location, but not capped at 152 total per child or 760 per assistance group.

Example:
Please note that these numbers are approximate and both children in the example have the Regular Copay Type*.
The AG's FPL
An AG of 4 with a monthly income of \$2,375 is at 95% FPL.

The Copay per Hour
The assistance group has 2 children with Wisconsin Shares authorizations. Their copay is \$0.49 per hour.

Total AG Hours
The first child is authorized for 80 hours per month, and the second child is authorized for 170 hours per month. The second child's hours are capped at 152, so the Total AG Hours are 232 hours (80 + 152) for the month.

The AG Copay
The AG Copay is \$113.68 (232 x \$0.49) for the month.

The Child's Copay
The assistance group has 232 total copay hours.
The first child has 80 hours and will have 34% (80 / 232) of the AG Copay, which is \$38.65 (34% of \$113.68) for the month.
The second child has 170 authorized hours, which are capped at 152 hours for the copay. The second child will have 66% (152 / 232) of the AG Copay, which is \$75.03 (66% of \$113.68) for the month.

* Copayment types: Regular = Based on FPL, number of children in care, and number of authorized hours; used for all children who do not qualify for one of the following reduced copayment types. Kinship = \$0, used for children in court-ordered placement with a relative. Non Court Ordered Kinship = Based on 65% FPL, used for children being cared for by a relative who does not have a court order for their placement. Foster = \$0, used for children placed with a foster family, subsidized guardian, or interim caretaker. Learnfare = \$0, used for children of teen parents participating in the Learnfare program. W-2 Employed = Based on 65% FPL, used for children of former W-2 participants starting unsubsidized employment during the eligibility period. Teen High School = Based on 65% FPL, used for children of teen parents who are attending high school. The monthly copayment is based upon the monthly subsidized hours of child care for the assistance group. Monthly hours are rounded up to the nearest whole hour when determining the copayment.

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The Department of Children and Families sets a schedule for parent copayment responsibilities for all parents who receive child care financial assistance under s. 49.155, Stats. Section DCF 201.08 (3) provides that the department may adjust the amounts in the copayment schedule based on a change in the federal poverty level. The department shall publish adjustments to the copayment schedule in the Wisconsin Administrative Register.