

Earnings from Employment



Effective August 1, 2025, Employment and Income Assistance (EIA) will increase the amount of money a person can earn from employment before their monthly benefits are impacted.

After this date, a person who receives EIA can earn \$500 (after taxes) with no impact to their benefits. If they make more than \$500, 70 cents of every dollar over \$500 will be deducted from their benefit payments.

For example: A person earns \$600 at their job in August. The first \$500 does not impact their benefits. Of the other \$100, the first \$30 does not impact their benefits, and the remaining \$70 is deducted from their EIA benefits.

What is changing?

The rules for how much a person can earn while on EIA are changing so that a person can make more money from working while receiving EIA benefits.



Before this change, a person could earn up to \$200 at their job without impacting their benefits. This amount has increased to \$500. Earnings over this amount are deducted at a rate of 70 cents for every dollar.

Why are we doing this?

Increasing the amount of money a person can earn while receiving EIA will improve their ability to afford housing, food, health, and other basic needs.

It will also allow people to work more hours at their job without worrying about their EIA benefits changing.

