

13. Self-Sufficiency Achievement Bonuses

An achievement bonus is paid for retaining employment. To be eligible for this payment, the client must maintain West Virginia residency during the entire employment period.

Payment may be made for the *Self-Sufficiency Achievement Bonuses* as follows:

WV WORKS Activity	RAPIDS Component	Limitations
Continued Support Services/Employment Assistance/Job Retention	<p>EA, PL</p> <p>↓</p> <p>\$1,500 Lifetime</p> <p>\$100 / 30 days \$150 / 90 days \$500 / 6 months \$750 / 12 months</p> <p>↑</p>	<p>Paid to each former Work-Eligible Individual who is employed full-time during <u>each of the months following AG closure or EAP begin date</u>. Payment is made at the end of the specified month. The case must have been closed <u>or in EAP</u> for the entire post-employment period.</p> <p>Full-time employment is defined as 100 hours/month. The amount of the payment must be equal to the maximum payment for the specified time period. For the <u>90 day</u>, 6-month and 12-month payment, the employment hours may be averaged over the time period as 100 hours/month. For the 30-day and 90-day payment, the Job Retention Follow-Ups must be completed before issuance.</p> <p>The person employed is not required to be working for the same employer as when the AG was closed. Any full-time employment qualifies.</p> <p>There is no minimum earnings level to qualify for this bonus.</p>

16. WV WORKS Emergency Assistance Payment

The WV WORKS Emergency Assistance Payment is intended to cover any emergency need that is considered a barrier to employment. Multiple payments may be issued under this category. Payments issued to the individual require a receipt before any further support service payments may be issued. Recipient must not be in a current sanction for non-compliance to receive assistance from this payment. Recipient must not be eligible for any other community or Department benefit that would cover the specific item(s) of need. Evictions, foreclosures, and disconnect payments **s** must continue service for a minimum of 30 days.

a. Rent/Mortgage Payment and/or Deposit

Recipient must have a pending eviction or foreclosure. Payment may be used for a new residence when applicant is homeless or landlord will not accept payment to eliminate the emergency. **A tenant-landlord relationship must have existed for payment of rent and a legal notice of eviction or wrongful occupation has been filed with the local magistrate. An imminent foreclosure notice must be obtained for a mortgage payment.**

b. Utility Disconnects and/or Deposits

Gas, electric, water, and sewage are Public Service Commission (PSC) regulated utilities. Bulk fuels such as bottled gas, fuel oil, coal, and wood are non-PSC regulated. **Payments may be authorized for clients who are without the service or who face imminent termination of these services.**

c. Household Supplies or Furnishings

Payment may include, but is not limited to, items such as furniture, bedding, fire escape stairs, eating and cooking utensils, towels and linens, or an appliance. Appliances are limited to: washer, dryer, hot water tank, refrigerator or stove and must not be provided to renters when landlord is responsible. A home visit may be required to verify need.

d. Emergency Transportation

Any transportation emergency may be authorized for payment when all other resources have been used.