



**EDMONDS
COLLEGE**

2023 – 2024 Guidance on Cost of Attendance (COA) Adjustments

Students may request that their COA for transportation and medical expenses be increased for the purpose of increasing eligibility for financial aid, or other types of aid programs. Approval requires that the student's expenses exceed the built-in income protection allowance (IPA), which includes:

- 9% for Transportation
- 16% for Miscellaneous and Personal Costs to include Medical

The Financial Aid Office uses professional judgment for COA adjustments based on the following:

- Unusual or very high transportation expenses are connected to the student's need to get to their classes or required internships.
 - Does not apply to students who live more than 100 miles away from the campus or who take only online classes.
 - Students must provide documentation of the amount they pay each week to come to campus.
- Out-of-pocket medically necessary expenses for the student or the student's dependent.
 - Must be medically necessary, and not of a cosmetic/elective nature.
 - The procedure, treatment, equipment, or medication purchase must take place during the first quarter the student receives the adjustment.
 - Where possible and appropriate based on the circumstances, students are expected to apply for a payment plan first. The payments for the length of time the student attends the college are eligible for the COA adjustment if they exceed the IPA amount.
 - If a payment plan is not available and the student pays the cost in full, the entire amount can be used to adjust the COA.