What if an eligible worker elects Option 2 after starting the retraining plan?  (1) If the worker's plan was approved on or after July 31, 2015, the worker can elect Option 2 at any point within the following time period:

- Beginning with the date of plan approval or the department's determination that a disputed plan is valid; and
- Ending the fifteenth day after completion of the first academic quarter or three months' training.

(2) However, if the worker specified in subsection (1) of this section elects Option 2 after starting the Option 1 retraining plan the following will occur:

(a) The training funds will be reduced by the amount of tuition and related charges expended during the Option 1 retraining plan; and

(b) The nine-month vocational Option 2 award will be reduced by the amount the worker was paid for time-loss days starting with the first date of Option 1 retraining through the date the department received the worker's Option 2 election.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030, and 2015 c 137. WSR 16-03-060, § 296-19A-625, filed 1/19/16, effective 2/19/16.]