

## **PROOF OF EARNED INCOME PROTOCOL**

1. The procedure to be followed by the Administrator in determining loss of Earned Income pursuant to Section 2.05 is as follows:
  - a. The Claimant must supply evidence, including income tax returns and assessments, that proves the Approved HCV Infected Class Member received the Earned Income.
  - b. If a Claimant cannot provide income tax returns and/or a declaration form from an employer, then the Claimant must deliver to the Administrator corroborating evidence, independent of the Claimant, that establishes, on the balance of probabilities, the Earned Income of the Approved HCV Infected Class Member.
  - c. Examples of corroborating evidence include:
    - (1) statistical information identifying income levels for people employed in a similar job or occupation;
    - (2) employment records pertaining to the Approved HCV Infected Class Member's employment; and
    - (3) a sworn affidavit from the Approved HCV Infected Class Member's employer or co-employee specifying the amount of the Approved HCV Infected Class Member's income.