## **Possible Solutions**

Gross income refers to the amount of personal income before taxes and deductions are withheld. These taxes and deductions are subtracted from the gross income. The amount that is left is the net income. It is also the amount that the wage earner receives or is paid.

Items that may be deducted from the gross income.

- Federal/state income tax
- Social Security
- Health insurance
- Medicare
- Retirement