

**RCW 71.24.600 Inability to contribute to cost of services no bar to admission—Authority may limit admissions for nonmedicaid clients.** The authority shall not refuse admission for diagnosis, evaluation, guidance[,] or treatment to any applicant because it is determined that the applicant is financially unable to contribute fully or in part to the cost of any services or facilities available under the community behavioral health program.

For nonmedicaid clients, through its contracts with the behavioral health administrative services organizations, the authority may limit admissions of such applicants or modify its programs in order to ensure that expenditures for services or programs do not exceed amounts appropriated by the legislature and are allocated by the authority for such services or programs. For nonmedicaid clients, the authority may establish admission priorities in the event that the number of eligible applicants exceeds the limits set by the authority. [2019 c 325 § 1041; 2018 c 201 § 4047. Prior: 1989 c 271 § 308; 1959 c 85 § 15. Formerly RCW 70.96A.430, 70.96.150.]

**Effective date—2019 c 325:** See note following RCW 71.24.011.

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