

WAC 296-23A-0620 What action will the department take upon receipt of a request for a rate adjustment? Upon receipt of the request, the department shall determine the need for a conference with the hospital and will contact the facility to arrange a conference if needed. The conference, if needed, must be held within sixty days of the department's receipt of the request.

Within thirty calendar days of the receipt of the request for review or the date of the conference, the department shall notify the facility of the action to be taken by the department.

If the department's review of the material submitted by the hospital results in a favorable determination for the hospital, the department will modify the hospital's payment rate(s). The revised rate(s) will apply to all bills with a date of admission on or after a date chosen by the department. The chosen date will be within one hundred twenty days of the department's and hospital's agreement to modify the rate(s).

If the department's review of the material submitted by the hospital results in an unfavorable determination for the hospital, the hospital may file an appeal with the board of industrial insurance appeals.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030 and 51.36.080. WSR 97-06-066, § 296-23A-0620, filed 2/28/97, effective 4/1/97.]