WAC 246-310-240 Determination of cost containment. A determination that a proposed project will foster cost containment shall be based on the following criteria:

(1) Superior alternatives, in terms of cost, efficiency, or effectiveness, are not available or practicable.

(2) In the case of a project involving construction:

(a) The costs, scope, and methods of construction and energy conservation are reasonable; and

(b) The project will not have an unreasonable impact on the costs and charges to the public of providing health services by other persons.

(3) The project will involve appropriate improvements or innovations in the financing and delivery of health services which foster cost containment and which promote quality assurance and cost effectiveness.

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