

**WAC 388-855-0095 Failure to cooperate with department.** Any patient, former patient, guardian, or other responsible party or parties who, after diligent effort by the department, has been shown to have failed to cooperate with the financial investigation by the department; or fails to comply with, or ignores, departmental correspondence; or supplies false or misleading information; or willfully conceals assets or potential assets; will be subject to a determination by the department that the estate of the patient and responsible relatives has the ability to pay full hospitalization charges: Provided, That no person adjudged incompetent by a court of this state at the time of said investigation shall be penalized by his or her actions: Provided further, That such a finding of liability to pay full hospitalization charges shall in no way diminish the responsible party's right to appeal such a finding of responsibility.

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