

WAC 182-546-4100 Ambulance transportation—Behavioral health treatment—General. The medicaid agency pays for medically necessary ambulance transportation to and from a covered behavioral health service (see WAC 182-546-4300) subject to the conditions and limitations within this chapter. For purposes of Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) and voluntary behavioral health services:

(1) The agency pays for transportation services for people involuntarily detained for behavioral health services when they have been assessed by a DCR and found to be one of the following:

(a) A danger to self;

(b) A danger to others;

(c) At substantial risk of inflicting physical harm upon the property of others; or

(d) Gravely disabled as a result of their behavioral health condition.

(2) The agency pays for ambulance transportation to take a client to and from an inpatient facility for behavioral health admission under the ITA.

(3) The agency pays for ambulance transportation services to take a client to the hospital for a voluntary inpatient behavioral health stay when medically necessary.

(4) The DCR authorizes the treatment destination based on the client's legal status.

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