WAC 182-550-2565 The long-term acute care (LTAC) program General. The long-term acute care (LTAC) program is a twenty-four-hour inpatient comprehensive program of integrated medical and rehabilitative services provided in a medicaid agency-approved LTAC hospital during the acute phase of a client's care. The agency requires prior authorization for LTAC stays. See WAC 182-550-2590 for prior authorization requirements.

(1) A facility's multidisciplinary team coordinates individualized LTAC services at an agency-approved LTAC hospital.

(2) The agency determines the authorized length of stay for LTAC services based on the client's need as documented in the client's medical records and the criteria described in WAC 182-550-2590.

(3) When the agency-authorized length of stay ends, the provider transfers the client to a more appropriate level of care or, if appropriate, discharges the client to the client's residence.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 15-18-065, § 182-550-2565, filed 8/27/15, effective 9/27/15. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-550-2565, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500. WSR 07-11-129, § 388-550-2565, filed 5/22/07, effective 8/1/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 02-14-162, § 388-550-2565, filed 7/3/02, effective 8/3/02.]