- WAC 182-530-8100 Reimbursement—Maximum allowable cost (MAC).
- (1) The medicaid agency establishes a maximum allowable cost (MAC) for a multiple-source drug which is available from at least two manufacturers/labelers.
 - (2) The agency determines the MAC for a multiple-source drug:
- (a) When specific regional and local drug acquisition cost data is available, the agency:
- (i) Identifies what products are available from wholesalers for each drug being considered for MAC pricing;
- (ii) Determines pharmacy providers' approximate acquisition costs for these products; and
- (iii) Establishes the MAC at a level which gives pharmacists access to at least one product from a manufacturer with a qualified rebate agreement (see WAC 182-530-7500(4)).
- (b) When specific regional and local drug acquisition cost data is not available, the agency may estimate acquisition cost based on national pricing sources.
- (3) The MAC established for a multiple-source drug does not apply if the written prescription identifies that a specific brand is medically necessary for a particular client. In such cases, the actual acquisition cost (AAC) for the particular brand applies, provided authorization is obtained from the agency as specified under WAC 182-530-3000.
- (4) Except as provided in subsection (3) of this section, the agency reimburses providers for a multiple-source drug at the lowest of the rates calculated under the methods listed in WAC 182-530-7000.
- (5) The MAC established for a multiple-source drug may vary by package size, including those identified as unit dose national drug codes (NDCs) by the manufacturer or manufacturers of the drug.

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