

**WAC 246-453-001 Purpose.** This chapter is adopted by the Washington state department of health to implement the provisions of chapter 70.170 RCW. These sections relate to hospital policies for charity care, bad debt and emergency medical care, including admission practices, the compilation and measurement of the level of charity care services provided by each hospital, and penalties for violation of these provisions.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 43.070 [43.70] and 70.170 RCW. WSR 94-12-089, § 246-453-001, filed 6/1/94, effective 7/2/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 70.170.060. WSR 91-05-048 (Order 142), § 246-453-001, filed 2/14/91, effective 3/17/91. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.70.040. WSR 91-02-049 (Order 121), recodified as § 246-453-001, filed 12/27/90, effective 1/31/91. Statutory Authority: Chapter 70.39 RCW. WSR 85-01-007 (Order 84-07, Resolution No. 84-07), § 261-14-010, filed 12/7/84.]