

WAC 182-546-0150 Client eligibility for ambulance transportation. (1) Except for people in the Family Planning Only and TAKE CHARGE programs, fee-for-service clients are eligible for ambulance transportation to covered services with the following limitations:

(a) People in the following Washington apple health programs are eligible for ambulance services within Washington state or bordering cities only, as designated in WAC 182-501-0175:

(i) Medical care services (MCS) as described in WAC 182-508-0005;

(ii) Alien emergency medical (AEM) services as described in chapter 182-507 WAC.

(b) People in the apple health categorically needy/qualified medicare beneficiary (CN/QMB) and apple health medically needy/qualified medicare beneficiary (MN/QMB) programs are covered by medicare and medicaid, with the payment limitations described in WAC 182-546-0400(5).

(2) People enrolled in an agency-contracted managed care organization (MCO) must coordinate:

(a) Ground ambulance services through the agency under fee-for-service, subject to the coverage and limitations within this chapter; and

(b) Air ambulance services through the agency under fee-for-service, subject to the coverage and limitations within this chapter.

(3) People enrolled in the agency's primary care case management (PCCM) program are eligible for ambulance services that are emergency medical services or that are approved by the PCCM in accordance with the agency's requirements. The agency pays for covered services for these people according to the agency's published billing guides and provider alerts.

(4) People under the Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) are not eligible for ambulance transportation coverage outside the state of Washington. This exclusion from coverage applies to people who are being detained involuntarily for mental health treatment and being transported to or from bordering cities. See also WAC 182-546-4000.

(5) See WAC 182-546-0800 and 182-546-2500 for additional limitations on out-of-state coverage and coverage for people with other insurance.

(6) The agency does not pay for ambulance services for jail inmates and people living in a correctional facility, including people in work-release status. See WAC 182-503-0505(5).

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 18-12-091, § 182-546-0150, filed 6/5/18, effective 7/6/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148). WSR 14-07-042, § 182-546-0150, filed 3/12/14, effective 4/12/14. Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021. WSR 13-16-006, § 182-546-0150, filed 7/25/13, effective 8/25/13. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-546-0150, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.510. WSR 04-17-118, § 388-546-0150, filed 8/17/04, effective 9/17/04. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 74.04.057. WSR 01-03-084, § 388-546-0150, filed 1/16/01, effective 2/16/01.]