

WAC 284-66-020 Applicability and scope. (1) Subject to subsection (2) of this section, except as provided by federal law, chapter 48.66 RCW, or as otherwise specifically provided by this chapter, this chapter applies to every group and individual policy of disability insurance and to every subscriber contract of an issuer (other than a policy issued under a contract provided for in section 1876 of the Social Security Act [42 U.S.C. section 1395 et seq.] or an issued policy under a demonstration project specified in 42 U.S.C. section 1395ss (g)(1)), that relates its benefits to medicare, or is advertised, marketed, or designed primarily as a supplement to reimbursements under medicare for the hospital, medical, or surgical expenses of persons eligible for medicare. All such policies or contracts are referred to in this chapter as "medicare supplemental insurance" or "medicare supplement insurance policy" or "medicare supplement coverage."

(2)(a) Medicare supplement insurance policies delivered before January 1, 1989, that are renewable solely at the option of the insured by the timely payment of premium are subject to the provisions of this chapter except with respect to WAC 284-66-060, 284-66-200, 284-66-210, 284-66-310, and 284-66-350. To the extent that the provisions of this chapter do not apply to these policies, chapter 284-55 WAC applies.

(b) Medicare supplement insurance policies delivered between January 1, 1989, and December 31, 1989, that are renewable solely at the option of the insured by the timely payment of premium are governed by this chapter except with respect to the requirements of WAC 284-66-210 and 284-66-350.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060 and 48.66.165. WSR 05-17-019 (Matter No. R 2004-08), § 284-66-020, filed 8/4/05, effective 9/4/05. Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.66.041 and 48.66.165. WSR 96-09-047 (Matter No. R 96-2), § 284-66-020, filed 4/11/96, effective 5/12/96. Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.20.450, 48.20.460, 48.20.470, 48.30.010, 48.44.020, 48.44.050, 48.44.070, 48.46.030, 48.46.130 and 48.46.200. WSR 92-06-021 (Order R 92-1), § 284-66-020, filed 2/25/92, effective 3/27/92. Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.20.450, 48.20.460, 48.20.470, 48.30.010, 48.44.020, 48.44.050, 48.44.070, 48.46.030, 48.46.130, 48.46.200, 48.66.041, 48.66.050, 48.66.100, 48.66.110, 48.66.120, 48.66.130, 48.66.150 and 48.66.160. WSR 90-07-059 (Order R 90-4), § 284-66-020, filed 3/20/90, effective 4/20/90.]

Reviser's note: The brackets and enclosed material in the text of the above section occurred in the copy filed by the agency.