

WAC 388-96-499 Principles of allowable costs. (1) The substance of a transaction will prevail over its form.

(2) All documented costs which are ordinary, necessary, related to care of medical care recipients, and not expressly unallowable under this chapter and/or chapter 74.46 RCW are to be allowable.

(3) Costs of providing therapy care are allowable, subject to any applicable limit contained in this chapter and/or chapter 74.46 RCW, provided documentation establishes the costs were incurred for medical care recipients and other sources of payment to which recipients may be legally entitled, such as private insurance or medicare, were first fully utilized.

(4) The payment for property usage is to be independent of ownership structure and financing arrangements.

(5) Allowable costs shall not include costs reported by a contractor for a prior period to the extent such costs, due to statutory exemption, will not be incurred by the nursing facility in the period to be covered by the rate.

(6) Any costs deemed allowable under this chapter are subject to the provisions of RCW 74.46.421. The allowability of a cost shall not be construed as creating a legal right or entitlement to reimbursement of the cost.

[Statutory Authority: Chapter 74.46 RCW, 2010 1st sp.s. c 34, and 2010 1st sp.s. c 37 § 958. WSR 11-05-068, § 388-96-499, filed 2/14/11, effective 2/26/11.]