

**WAC 182-552-1375 Expedited prior authorization (EPA).** (1) The expedited prior authorization (EPA) process is designed to eliminate the need for written requests for prior authorization for selected respiratory care procedure codes.

(2) The medicaid agency requires a provider to create an authorization number for EPA for selected respiratory care procedure codes. The process and criteria used to create the authorization number is explained in the agency published respiratory care medicaid provider guide. The authorization number must be used when the provider bills the medicaid agency.

(3) Upon request, a provider must provide documentation to the medicaid agency showing how the client's condition met the criteria for EPA.

(4) A written request for prior authorization is required when a situation does not meet the EPA criteria for selected respiratory care procedure codes.

(5) The medicaid agency may recoup any payment made to a provider under this section if the provider did not follow the EPA process and criteria.

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