

WAC 182-546-5000 Nonemergency transportation—General. (1) The medicaid agency covers nonemergency nonambulance transportation to and from covered health care services, as provided by the Code of Federal Regulations (42 C.F.R. 431.53 and 42 C.F.R. 440.170) subject to the limitations and requirements under WAC 182-546-5000 through 182-546-6200. See WAC 182-546-1000 for nonemergency ground ambulance transportation.

(2) The agency pays for nonemergency transportation for clients covered under state-funded medical programs subject to funding appropriated by the legislature.

(3) Clients may not select the transportation provider or the mode of transportation.

(4) A client's right to freedom of choice does not require the agency to cover transportation at unusual or exceptional cost in order to meet a client's personal choice of provider.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 16-12-022, § 182-546-5000, filed 5/20/16, effective 6/20/16; WSR 15-03-050, § 182-546-5000, filed 1/14/15, effective 2/14/15. WSR 11-17-032, recodified as § 182-546-5000, filed 8/9/11, effective 8/9/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.057, 74.08.090, and 74.09.500. WSR 11-15-029, § 388-546-5000, filed 7/12/11, effective 8/12/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500, 74.04.050, 74.04.055, and 74.04.057. WSR 01-06-029, § 388-546-5000, filed 3/2/01, effective 4/2/01.]