- WAC 182-550-4700 Payment—Non-SCA participating hospitals. section applies only for dates of admission before July 1, 2007. The hospital selective contracting program ends on June 30, 2007.
- (1) In a selective contracting area (SCA), the medicaid agency pays any qualified hospital for inpatient hospital services provided to an eligible medical care client for treatment of an emergency medical condition.
- (2) The agency pays any qualified hospital for medically necessary but nonemergent inpatient hospital services provided to an eligible medical care client deemed by the agency to reside an excessive travel distance from a contracting hospital.
- (a) The client is deemed to have an excessive travel burden if the travel distance from a client's residence to the nearest contracting hospital exceeds the client's county travel distance standard, as follows:

County	Community Travel Distance Standard
Adams	25 miles
Asotin	15 miles
Benton	15 miles
Chelan	15 miles
Clallam	20 miles
Clark	15 miles
Columbia	19 miles
Cowlitz	15 miles
Douglas	20 miles
Ferry	27 miles
Franklin	15 miles
Garfield	30 miles
Grant	24 miles
Grays Harbor	23 miles
Island	15 miles
Jefferson	15 miles
King	15 miles
Kitsap	15 miles
Kittitas	18 miles
Klickitat	15 miles
Lewis	15 miles
Lincoln	31 miles
Mason	15 miles
Okanogan	29 miles
Pacific	21 miles
Pend Oreille	25 miles
Pierce	15 miles
San Juan	34 miles
Skagit	15 miles
Skamania	40 miles
Snohomish	15 miles
Spokane	15 miles
Stevens	22 miles
Thurston	15 miles

County	Community Travel Distance Standard
Wahkiakum	32 miles
Walla Walla	15 miles
Whatcom	15 miles
Whitman	20 miles
Yakima	15 miles

- (b) If a client must travel outside his or her SCA to obtain inpatient services not available within the community, such as treatment from a tertiary hospital, the client may obtain the services from a contracting hospital appropriate to the client's condition.
- (3) The agency requires prior authorization for all nonemergent admissions to nonparticipating hospitals in an SCA. See WAC 182-550-1700.
- (4) The agency pays a licensed hospital all applicable medicare deductible and coinsurance amounts for inpatient services provided to medicaid clients who are also beneficiaries of medicare Part A subject to the medicaid maximum allowable as established in WAC 182-550-1200 (8)(a).
- (5) The agency pays any licensed hospital DRG-exempt services as listed in WAC 182-550-4400.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 15-18-065, § 182-550-4700, filed 8/27/15, effective 9/27/15. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-550-4700, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500. WSR 07-12-040, § 388-550-4700, filed 5/30/07, effective 7/1/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 42 U.S.C.  $1395 \times (v)$ , 42 C.F.R. 447.271, 447.11303, and 447.2652. WSR 99-06-046, § 388-550-4700, filed 2/26/99, effective 3/29/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.730, 74.04.050, 70.01.010, 74.09.200, [74.09.]500, [74.09.]530 and 43.208.020. WSR 98-01-124, § 388-550-4700, filed 12/18/97, effective 1/18/98.]