

**WAC 182-546-0300 Ambulance transportation—General requirements for ambulance providers.** (1) Ambulances must be licensed, operated, and equipped according to applicable federal, state, and local statutes, ordinances and regulations. An air ambulance provider must have a current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) air carrier operating certificate, or have a contractual relationship with an operator with a valid medical certificate.

(2) Ambulances must be staffed and operated by appropriately trained and certified personnel in accordance with chapter 18.73 RCW.

(3) Providers of ambulance services must:

(a) Meet the requirements of chapter 182-502 WAC and this chapter; and

(b) Document the medical necessity for transportation and related services billed to the medicaid agency. This documentation must be kept in the provider's file and include adequate descriptions of the severity and complexity of the client's condition at the time of the transportation and services, interventions, and supplies provided to the client prior to loading and in transit. The documentation must be made available for the agency to review upon request to ensure the agency's medical necessity criteria are met.

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