

**WAC 182-551-2115 Medical social services.** (1) The medicaid agency covers medical social services under program rules, including the rules in this chapter.

(2) Medical social services include the following:

(a) Assessment of the social and emotional factors related to the client's illness;

(b) Need for care, response to treatment, and adjustment to care;

(c) Evaluation of the client's home situation, financial resources, and availability of community resources;

(d) Assistance in obtaining available community resources and financial resources; and

(e) Counseling the client and family to address emotional issues related to the illness.

(3) The medicaid agency pays for up to eight 15-minute units per 365-day period without prior authorization.

(4) The medicaid agency may authorize additional services on a case-by-case basis under WAC 182-501-0169.

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