

**WAC 182-546-0510 GEMT program overview.** (1) The ground emergency medical transportation (GEMT) program permits publicly owned or operated providers to receive cost-based payments for emergency ground ambulance transportation of clients as described in subsection (2) of this section.

(2) This program is for clients under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) only. Participating providers do not receive supplemental payments for transporting:

(a) Medicaid applicants; or

(b) Medicare/medicaid clients with dual eligibility.

(3) The cost-based payment, when combined with the amount received from all other sources of reimbursement for medicaid, must not exceed one hundred percent of allowable costs.

(4) Fire departments/districts must use the approved CAP of their local government. If the local government does not have a CAP, they must use the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)-approved cost report.

(5) The state general fund cannot be used for GEMT cost-based payments.

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