

**WAC 296-31-073 Can the department enlist utilization review or management programs?** As a trustee of funds appropriated by the legislature, we have a duty to supervise the provisions of proper and necessary mental health care. We may enlist utilization review or management programs to monitor and control the delivery, use, and cost of necessary mental health care services. Examples include, but are not limited to, managed care contracting, prior authorization of services, and alternative reimbursement systems.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 7.68.030, 51.04.020(4) and 51.04.030. WSR 99-07-004, § 296-31-073, filed 3/4/99, effective 4/4/99. Statutory Authority: RCW 43.22.050. WSR 92-23-033, § 296-31-073, filed 11/13/92, effective 12/14/92.]