

**WAC 182-550-2580 Requirements for becoming an LTAC hospital.**

(1) To apply to become a medicaid agency-approved long-term acute care (LTAC) hospital, the agency requires a hospital to:

(a) Submit a letter of request to:

LTAC Program Manager  
Division of Health Care Services  
Health and Recovery Services Administration  
P.O. Box 45506  
Olympia WA 98504-5506; and

(b) Include in the letter required under (a) of this subsection, documentation that confirms the hospital is:

(i) Medicare-certified for LTAC;

(ii) Accredited by the joint commission on accreditation of health care organizations (JCAHO);

(iii) Licensed as an acute care hospital by the department of health (DOH) under chapter 246-320 WAC (if an in-state hospital), or by the state in which the hospital is located (if an out-of-state hospital); and

(iv) Enrolled with the agency as a medicaid participating provider.

(2) A hospital qualifies as an agency-approved LTAC hospital when:

(a) The hospital meets all the requirements in this section;

(b) The agency's clinical staff has conducted an on-site visit and recommended approval of the hospital's request for LTAC designation; and

(c) The agency provides written notification to the hospital that it qualifies for payment when providing LTAC services to eligible Washington apple health clients.

(3) Agency-approved LTAC hospitals must meet the general requirements in chapter 182-502 WAC.

(4) The agency may, in its sole discretion, approve a hospital located in Idaho or Oregon that is not in a designated bordering city as an LTAC hospital if:

(a) The hospital meets the requirements of this section; and

(b) The hospital provider signs a contract with the agency agreeing to the payment rates established for LTAC services in accordance with WAC 182-550-2595.

(5) The agency does not have any legal obligation to approve any hospital or other entity as an LTAC hospital.

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