

**WAC 296-20-023 Third-party settlement—Excess recoveries. (1)**

In cases where a third-party settlement has been made resulting in an excess recovery subject to offset from the worker's future benefits or compensation due, the department or self-insurer is not liable for payment for services rendered by providers.

(2) The worker should be treated and billed in accordance with the department's medical aid rules and maximum fee schedules. When bills are processed against the amount of the excess recovery, the department will notify the provider on the remittance advice.

(3) The department or self-insurer will resume financial responsibility to or on behalf of the worker when the amount of such excess has been reduced to zero.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 51.04, 51.08, 51.12, 51.24 and 51.32 RCW and 117 Wn.2d 122 and 121 Wn.2d 304. WSR 93-23-060, § 296-20-023, filed 11/15/93, effective 1/1/94. Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020(4) and 51.04.030. WSR 86-06-032 (Order 86-19), § 296-20-023, filed 2/28/86, effective 4/1/86.]