

WAC 296-31-068 When can a claimant transfer providers? (1) RCW 7.68.095 provides that claimants are entitled to a free choice of attending providers, who are registered with the department, subject to the limits of RCW 7.68.130 and the requirements of the claimant's public or private insurance. The provider must meet registration requirements of WAC 296-31-030.

(2) The department must be notified if a claimant changes providers.

(3) We may require a claimant to select another provider for treatment under the following conditions:

(a) When a provider, qualified and available to provide treatment, is more conveniently located;

(b) When the attending provider fails to comply with our rules;

(c) Subject to the limits of RCW 7.68.130 outlined in subsection (1) of this section.

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