WAC 296-23A-0360 What is the method for calculating per diem rates? Per diem rates are calculated by dividing the total costs for all relevant cases in the historical database by the total number of days. The total number of days is equal to the sum of the number of days for each relevant case. The number of days per case is equal to last date of service minus the first date of service. The department will allocate costs at the detailed revenue code level using medicare cost report data and medicare definitions for allowable costs. The department will allow costs for graduate medical education and charity care. Allowable costs for charity care shall not exceed a maximum of two percent of the facility's total allowable costs.

Payment rates are equal to the applicable per diem rate multiplied by the number of days allowed by the department. The department does not pay for the day of discharge. Payment shall not exceed allowed billed charges.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 51.04.020, 51.04.030 and 51.36.080. WSR 97-06-066, § 296-23A-0360, filed 2/28/97, effective 4/1/97.]