

**WAC 388-97-4600 Civil penalty fund.** (1) The department must deposit civil penalties collected under chapter 18.51 or 74.42 RCW into a special fund administered by the department to be applied to the protection of the health or property of residents of nursing homes found to be deficient.

(2) The funds must be administered by the department according to department procedures. Uses of the fund include, but are not limited to:

(a) Payment for the costs of relocation of residents to other facilities;

(b) Payment to maintain operation of a nursing home pending correction of deficiencies or closure; and

(c) Reimbursement of residents for personal funds or property lost when the resident's personal funds or property cannot be recovered from the nursing home or third party insurer.

[Statutory Authority: Chapters 18.51 and 74.42 RCW and 42 C.F.R. 489.52. WSR 08-20-062, § 388-97-4600, filed 9/24/08, effective 11/1/08.]