

## WSR 21-02-072

## PROPOSED RULES

## HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

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Original Notice.

Preproposal statement of inquiry was filed as WSR 20-15-036.

Title of Rule and Other Identifying Information: WAC 182-530-5000  
Billing requirements—Pharmacy claim payment.

Hearing Location(s): On February 9, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. In response to the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) public health emergency, the agency will not provide a physical location for this hearing. This promotes social distancing and the safety of the citizens of Washington state. A virtual public hearing, without a physical meeting space, will be held instead. To attend the virtual public hearing, you must register at the following link <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3206809637312512526>. Webinar ID: 760-399-595. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining the webinar.

Date of Intended Adoption: Not sooner than February 10, 2021.

Submit Written Comments to: HCA Rules Coordinator, P.O. Box 42716, Olympia, WA 98504-2716, email [arc@hca.wa.gov](mailto:arc@hca.wa.gov), fax 360-586-9727, by February 9, 2021.

Assistance for Persons with Disabilities: Contact Amber Lougheed, phone 360-725-1349, fax 360-586-9727, telecommunication[s] relay service 711, email [amber.lougheed@hca.wa.gov](mailto:amber.lougheed@hca.wa.gov), by January 22, 2021.

Purpose of the Proposal and Its Anticipated Effects, Including Any Changes in Existing Rules: The agency is amending this rule to revise the signature requirement for pharmacy products dispensed and delivered directly to a medicaid client or their provider's office. The proposed rule requires either the client or the provider to sign for delivered products.

Reasons Supporting Proposal: The new signature requirement ensures proof of delivery for prescriptions sent to a provider's office, which decreases the potential for medicaid fraud and duplicate billing.

Statutory Authority for Adoption: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Statute Being Implemented: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160.

Rule is not necessitated by federal law, federal or state court decision.

Agency Comments or Recommendations, if any, as to Statutory Language, Implementation, Enforcement, and Fiscal Matters: Not applicable.

Name of Proponent: Health care authority (HCA), governmental.

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A school district fiscal impact statement is not required under RCW 28A.305.135.

A cost-benefit analysis is not required under RCW 34.05.328. RCW 34.05.328 does not apply to HCA rules unless requested by the joint administrative rules review committee or applied voluntarily.

The proposed rule does not impose more-than-minor costs on businesses. Following is a summary of the agency's analysis showing how costs were calculated. This rule making does not impose any costs on businesses.

January 5, 2021  
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Rules Coordinator

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AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending WSR 16-01-046, filed 12/9/15, effective 1/9/16)

**WAC 182-530-5000 Billing requirements—Pharmacy claim payment.**

(1) When billing the medicaid agency for pharmacy services, providers must:

- (a) Use the appropriate agency claim form or electronic billing specifications;
- (b) Include the actual eleven-digit national drug code (NDC) number of the product dispensed from a rebate eligible manufacturer;
- (c) Bill the agency using metric decimal quantities which is the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs (NCPDP) billing unit standard;

(d) Meet the general provider documentation and record retention requirements in WAC 182-502-0020; and

(e) Maintain proof of delivery receipts.

(i) When a provider delivers an item directly to the client or the client's authorized representative, the provider must be able to furnish proof of delivery, including ~~((signature))~~ the signature of either the client or the provider, the client's name, and a detailed description of the item or items delivered.

(ii) When a provider mails an item to the client, the provider must be able to furnish proof of delivery including a mail log.

(iii) When a provider uses a delivery or shipping service to deliver items, the provider must be able to furnish proof of delivery and it must:

(A) Include the delivery service tracking slip with the client's name or a reference to the client's package or packages; the delivery service package identification number; and the delivery address.

(B) Include the supplier's shipping invoice, with the client's name; the shipping service package identification number; and a detailed description.

(iv) Make proof of delivery receipts available to the agency upon request.

(2) When billing drugs under the expedited authorization process, providers must insert the authorization number, which includes the corresponding criteria code or codes in the appropriate data field on the drug claim.

(3) Pharmacy services for clients on restriction under WAC 182-501-0135 must be prescribed by the client's primary care provider and are paid only to the client's primary pharmacy, except in cases of:

- (a) Emergency;
- (b) Family planning services; or
- (c) Services properly referred from the client's assigned pharmacy or physician/ARNP.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 16-01-046, § 182-530-5000, filed 12/9/15, effective 1/9/16. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-530-5000, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.04.050, 74.08.090, 74.09.530, and 74.09.700. WSR 07-20-049, § 388-530-5000, filed 9/26/07, effective 11/1/07.]