

**WAC 284-90-010 Purpose.** (1) The purpose of this chapter is to assure nondiscriminatory treatment of insureds and prospective insureds by establishing minimum standards insurers must meet with respect to acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) and its related conditions. Related conditions include a positive testing for the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

(2) The insurance code prohibits unfair discrimination between insureds having like risk and exposure factors. The practical effect of the law is to require grouping of insureds into classes of like risk and exposure and charging a premium commensurate with the risk and exposure. This assures the equitable treatment of each class of insureds in the sense that the premium charge is reasonably related to the risk assumed by the insurer and that no class of insureds supports (or is supported by) another class of insureds. For example: Insureds with a heart condition should not subsidize (or be subsidized by) insureds with AIDS or diabetes; policies issued on a standard basis should not be surcharged to support those issued to insureds suffering from an ailment. To properly classify such prospective insureds, insurers must ask appropriate questions on application forms and may require reasonable testing of prospective insureds, when health underwriting is not prohibited by rule or statute.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.30.010, 48.44.050, 48.46.200, 48.01.030, 48.05.250, 48.18.110, 48.18.480. WSR 00-20-105 (Matter No. R 2000-07), § 284-90-010, filed 10/4/00, effective 11/4/00. Statutory Authority: RCW 48.02.060, 48.44.050 and 48.46.200. WSR 86-21-065 (Order R 86-5), § 284-90-010, filed 10/15/86.]