

WAC 388-71-0734 Would the department limit expenditures in the adult day service program? (1) In order to provide adult day services within the limits of available funding, the department may limit services when program expenditures exceed the budget appropriation or when limiting services is required to prevent expenditures from exceeding the appropriation.

(2) When adult day health program expenditures exceed available funding, the department may limit adult day health services based on the four care level system as determined through the established department assessment and described in chapter 388-105 WAC.

(a) Using the care level determined by the department assessment tool, the department will limit adult day services on a statewide basis to clients whose total scores exceed the assessed need level identified by the department as necessary to provide adult day health services to the extent of available funding.

(b) At least thirty days before implementing the limitation on services under this subsection, the department will notify the area agencies on aging, adult day health centers, and the affected adult day health clients that services are being limited and for what period of time the limitation is estimated to remain in effect.

(c) For purposes of RCW 74.08.080, the reduction in services shall be deemed an assistance adjustment for an entire class of recipients that is required by state laws prohibiting the department from expending funds in excess of appropriations.

(3) The department may adopt additional or alternative rules to control costs, such as, but not limited to, imposing a moratorium on contracting with new adult day centers, limiting services to clients based on level of care need, or reducing the numbers of days per week that clients may receive services.

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