

WAC 182-546-4300 Ambulance transportation—Behavioral health treatment—Reimbursement. (1) The agency, as payer of last resort, pays the transportation costs for clients that a Washington designated crisis responder (DCR) detains under the ITA on a seventy-two hour initial detention or five-day revocation hold until the client is discharged from the evaluation and treatment facility or admitted to a state-managed inpatient facility.

(2) The agency pays only when it determines that the involuntarily detained client:

(a) Does not have any other third-party liability (TPL) payment source; and

(b) When requiring the client to pay would result in a substantial hardship upon the client or the client's family. Refer to WAC 182-502-0160.

(3) The DCR must complete and sign a copy of the agency's authorization of Secure Ambulance Transportation Services to/from Behavioral Health Services form (HCA 42-0003) and must keep it in the client's file.

(4) The agency establishes payment for behavioral health related transportation services when the transportation provider complies with the agency's requirements for drivers, driver training, vehicle and equipment standards and maintenance. Providers must clearly identify ITA transportation on the claim when billing the agency.

(5) The agency does not pay for transportation costs to or from out-of-state or bordering cities for clients under the ITA program under any circumstance.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 2015 c 157, 2017 c 273, and 2016 1st sp.s. c 29. WSR 20-17-010, § 182-546-4300, filed 8/6/20, effective 9/6/20.]