WAC 284-180-120 Applicability and scope. (1) This chapter applies to:

(a) Health care benefit managers as defined in RCW 48.200.020, and health carriers who contract with health care benefit managers; and

(b) Pharmacy benefit managers who contract with pharmacies on behalf of health carriers, medicaid managed care organizations, and employee benefits programs as defined in RCW 48.200.020.

(2) Effective January 1, 2026, RCW 48.200.280, 48.200.310, and 48.200.320 and WAC 284-180-500, 284-180-507, 284-180-517, and 284-180-522 apply to self-funded group health plans that have elected to participate under RCW 48.200.330.

(3) This chapter does not apply to health care benefit managers providing services exclusively to, or acting exclusively on behalf of:

(a) Self-funded group health plans, other than an employee benefit program as defined in RCW 48.200.020 or with respect to compliance with RCW 48.200.280, 48.200.310, and 48.200.320, a self-funded group health plan that has elected to participate under RCW 48.200.330;

(b) Medicare supplement plans;

(c) Medicare advantage plans;

(d) Medicare Part D prescription drug plans;

(e) Medicaid, except that pharmacy benefit managers that contract with pharmacies on behalf of medicaid managed care plans are subject to chapter 48.200 RCW and this chapter;

(f) Children's health insurance program plans;

(g) Discount plans;

(h) Union plans, other than a union plan that is a self-funded group health plan that has elected to participate under RCW 48.43.330 with respect to compliance with RCW 48.200.280, 48.200.310, and 48.200.320; and

(i) Plans that provide monetary payment, such as income replacement disability plans or life insurance accelerated benefits, unless these plans provide coverage for health care services, drugs, or supplies.

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