

**WAC 388-96-730 Methodology for reducing a nursing facility's medicaid payment rate in order to reduce the statewide weighted average nursing facility medicaid payment rate to equal or be less than the weighted average payment rate identified in the Biennial Appropriations Act.** (1) The department will determine a percentage reduction factor (PRF) that, when applied to all nursing facilities' rates will result in a statewide weighted average payment rate that is equal to or less than the weighted average payment rate identified in the Biennial Appropriations Act.

(2) By applying various percentages to the rates for all nursing facilities, the department will identify a percentage that reduces the statewide weighted average payment rate equal to or less than the weighted average payment rate identified in the Biennial Appropriations Act.

(3) The percentage identified in subsection (2) of this section will be the PRF. To reduce the statewide average payment rate to less than or equal to the weighted average payment rate identified in the Biennial Appropriations Act, the department will apply the PRF equally to all rate component allocations of each nursing facility's rate.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 74.46.431 (11) and (12), 74.46.800, chapter 74.46 RCW, 2004 c 276 § 913, 2001 1st sp.s. c 8. WSR 04-21-027, § 388-96-730, filed 10/13/04, effective 11/13/04. Statutory Authority: Chapter 74.46 RCW, 1999 c 376 § 3 amending c 309 § 207. WSR 99-24-084, § 388-96-730, filed 11/30/99, effective 12/31/99.]