

Payment Policies for Healthcare Services

Provided to Injured Workers and Crime Victims

Update: Students and student supervision

Effective 10/25/2021

The following policy is added to Chapter 2:



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General information

This policy applies to all provider types for whom the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has established rules for student supervision. Unless otherwise specified, students of provider types that do not have DOH rules for student supervision may not perform services for injured workers or crime victims.

Definitions

Student: As part of their clinical training, a **student** is a person who is enrolled and participating in an accredited educational program to become a licensed provider. An accredited educational program must have Washington State Department of Health rules or regulations. Students includes senior students, associate or interim permitted students who have completed their training but aren't yet fully licensed, and clinical post-graduate trainees.

Who does not qualify as a student

Providers with temporary or interim professional licenses are not considered students and this policy does not apply to them.

[Agency-affiliated counselors](#) are not considered students and this policy does not apply to them. They may not treat injured workers or crime victims.

Supervising provider: A **supervising provider** is a licensed provider with an active L&I Provider ID who has entered into a private agreement with a student and their educational institution to provide hands-on training, instruction and supervision during the clinical phase of the student's coursework. A supervising provider can only supervise a student within their discipline. They are responsible for all services provided to injured workers or crime victims by their students.

Student supervision: **Student supervision** is the act of supervising a student who is treating an injured worker or crime victim. Supervising providers must comply with all Washington State Department of Health rules regarding the supervision of students within their discipline.

Services students may perform

Students may perform any services allowed under the corresponding DOH rules for delegation of services for their profession. The supervising provider shall be responsible for determining the competence of the student to perform the delegated services.

Students must be supervised by their supervising provider in accordance with DOH rules while performing services for injured workers or crime victims. Supervising providers are responsible for all treatment, documentation, and treatment plans.

Services that aren't covered

Students may not perform any services that fall outside their scope of practice, level of education, or any other requirements for students in their discipline laid out by the DOH. Students may not perform any services which L&I's Medical Aid Rules and Fee Schedules (MARFS) prohibit.

Billing requirements

Students may not bill L&I for their services. Supervising providers bill using their own Provider ID for services performed by students they supervise. All chart notes and documentation must be co-signed by the supervising provider, indicating they have reviewed and approved of the documentation.

The following definition in Chapter 25 is revised to read:

Student: As part of their clinical training, a **student** is a person who is enrolled and participating in an accredited educational program to become a physical therapist, physical therapist assistant, occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, or speech language pathologist. Interim permitted students who have already completed their training but aren't yet licensed can also act as students for the purposes of Chapter 25.