

CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT (CES)

Medical Aid Rules

WAC 296-20-135 Conversion factors.
WAC 296-23-220 Physical Therapy Rules.
WAC 296-23-230 Occupational Therapy Rules.

The date of adoption for this rule: May 20, 2025

The effective date for this rule: July 1, 2025

I. Purpose of rulemaking:

This rulemaking carries out the Department of Labor & Industries (L&I) annual update to the conversion factors used to calculate maximum reimbursement levels for services under the Resource Based Relative Value Scale (RBRVS) and anesthesia fee schedules. It also allows L&I to update the maximum daily rates for physical and occupational therapies.

L&I solicited stakeholder comments during the rulemaking process.

2. Differences between the rule as adopted and the proposed rule:

The proposed language for WAC 296-23-220, Physical therapy rules, indicated an incorrect amount of \$149.95. This was corrected on the adopted language to \$149.45.

3. Comments on proposed rule:

The public comment period for this rulemaking was April 2, 2025 through 5 p.m. on May 6, 2025.

The public hearing was held on May 6, 2025 via Zoom.

No one testified on the proposed rule changes during the public hearing. Two individuals from the public attended the public hearing but didn't testify, take a position, or submit comments.

No comments were received during the public comment period.