

Washington State Health Insurance Pool

**RATE-SETTING PRINCIPLES**

- A. WSHIP rates will conform to statutory requirements (RCW 48.41).
- B. At the discretion of the WSHIP Board:
  - 1. Rates will be set in such a way as to provide incentives for enrollment in cost-effective plans.
  - 2. Rates for age 65 and over on Medicare plans will be set at the statutory maximum in light of the availability of alternatives such as Medicare Advantage and Part D plans. Rates for under age 65 on Medicare plans will be set at the statutory minimum until alternatives become available.
  - 3. Rates for Medicare plans will be set at a single rate for 65 and over and a single rate for under 65 based on market rates.
  - 4. Rates for plans that have been closed to new enrollment will be set at the statutory maximum when other alternatives exist.
  - 5. Premium subsidies may be increased in the event grant money becomes available, but any such subsidies will be consistent with these principles.
- C. These principles will be reviewed by the WSHIP Board periodically.