

# FEE-FOR-SERVICE PROVIDER NETWORK REQUIREMENTS PER 42 CFR 428.203

## Provider Types and Services to be Analyzed:

The Washington State Health Care Authority (the Agency), in compliance with 42 CFR 428.203, has developed network standards for fee for service providers. The Health Care Authority tracks *Essential Provider Types*: Primary Care Providers (general practice, family practices, naturopaths, osteopaths), Hospitals, Pharmacies, Behavioral Health Providers, OB/GYN, Pediatricians and Dentists who serve Pediatric clients. Distance and Drive Time Standards are as follows:

### Distance Standards

- a. PCP
  - i. Urban: 2 within 10 miles.
  - ii. Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.
- b. Obstetrics
  - i. Urban: 2 within 10 miles.
  - ii. Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.
- c. Pediatrician or Family Practice Physician Qualified to Provide Pediatric Services
  - i. Urban: 2 within 10 miles.
  - ii. Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.
- d. Hospital
  - i. Urban/Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.
- e. Pharmacy
  - i. Urban: 1 within 10 miles.
  - ii. Non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.
- f. Mental Health Professionals
  - i. Urban/non-urban: 1 within 25 miles.

## **Drive Time Standards**

When Clients travel to service sites, the drive time to the closest provider of the service the Client is seeking is within a standard of not more than:

- g. In Urban Areas, service sites are accessible by public transportation with the total trip, including transfers, not to exceed ninety minutes each way;
- h. In Rural Areas, a thirty-minute drive from the Client's primary residence to the service site; and
- i. In Large Rural Geographic Areas, a ninety-minute drive from the Client's primary residence to the service site.

These travel standards do not apply under exceptional circumstances (e.g. inclement weather, hazardous road conditions due to accidents or road construction, public transportation shortages or delayed ferry service).