- WAC 182-550-2565 The long-term acute care (LTAC) program—General. The long-term acute care (LTAC) program is a twenty-four-hour inpatient comprehensive program of integrated medical and rehabilitative services provided in a medicaid agency-approved LTAC hospital during the acute phase of a client's care. The agency requires prior authorization for LTAC stays. See WAC 182-550-2590 for prior authorization requirements.
- (1) A facility's multidisciplinary team coordinates individualized LTAC services at an agency-approved LTAC hospital.
- (2) The agency determines the authorized length of stay for LTAC services based on the client's need as documented in the client's medical records and the criteria described in WAC 182-550-2590.
- (3) When the agency-authorized length of stay ends, the provider transfers the client to a more appropriate level of care or, if appropriate, discharges the client to the client's residence.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021 and 41.05.160. WSR 15-18-065, § 182-550-2565, filed 8/27/15, effective 9/27/15. WSR 11-14-075, recodified as § 182-550-2565, filed 6/30/11, effective 7/1/11. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090, 74.09.500. WSR 07-11-129, § 388-550-2565, filed 5/22/07, effective 8/1/07. Statutory Authority: RCW 74.08.090. WSR 02-14-162, § 388-550-2565, filed 7/3/02, effective 8/3/02.]