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Admission Access to Seattle Children's, 10025

PURPOSE:

To describe our commitment to care for patients when Seattle Children's is the most clinically appropriate hospital for provision of that care.

POLICY:

- A. Seattle Children's provides clinically appropriate health care for the special needs of pediatric and young adult patients whose care or diagnosis is best treated with pediatric expertise. Our primary service area is Washington, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho. Children's **P&P: [Out-of-Region Patient Advance Approval, 10445](#)** and **P&P: [Financial Assistance, 10226](#)** provides further details about how this objective is effectively achieved. Additionally, **P&P: [Patients 21 Years or Older, 10796](#)** details additional information about clinical assessment of young adult patients.
- B. Admission of patients needing medically necessary care occurs without discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, creed, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, or disability, consistent with the requirements defined by [Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act](#) and Washington state laws.
- C. All patients who enter the Seattle Children's system are carefully assessed at the time of entry, and appropriately placed in a patient care area that most meets their assessed needs.
- D. Seattle Children's complies with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA).

REFERENCES:

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). Emergency Medical Treatment & Labor Act, [42 CFR 489.24](#), [CMS State Operations Manual, Appendix V](#).

Section 1557 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, [45 CFR 92](#).

Washington Administrative Code (WAC), [WAC 246-320-141\(5\)](#), Patient rights and organizational ethics.

[RCW 70.41.520: Access to care policies for admission, nondiscrimination, and reproductive health care—Requirement to submit, post on website, and use department-created form.](#)

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