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**STORAGE AND USAGE OF RESIDENT SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT  
REGARDLESS OF FUNDING SOURCE**

Dear Administrators and Providers:

This letter is a reminder that facilities are prohibited from using individually purchase supplies and equipment for anyone other than the person for whom the supplies and equipment were purchased. A facility may use general supplies purchased for the facility under their Medicaid contract as long as the funds are not linked to a specific resident or client.

The facility must provide adequate storage for resident possessions and personal items, including medical supplies and equipment. They should not be comingled with the supplies and equipment purchased by other residents or by the facility, regardless of funding source.

- [WAC 182-543-2250 \(9\)](#) – Medical equipment purchased for a client is the client's property.
- [WAC 182-543-1000](#) Medical Supplies – Health-care related items that are consumable or disposable or cannot withstand repeated use by more than one person.
- [WAC 388-76-10605](#) Resident Rights – Personal property and storage space.
- [WAC 388-76-10765\(1\)\(b\)](#) Storage
- [WAC 388-107-0850\(1\)](#) Resident storage of personal effects
- [WAC 388-78A-3010\(8\)\(f\) and \(g\)](#) Resident units
- [WAC 388-97-0560](#) Personal property
- [WAC 388-97-2560](#) Lockable storage space in a resident room
- [RCW 70.129.100](#) Personal property – Storage space.

Thank you for your continued commitment to resident health and safety. If you have any questions, please contact your local RCS Field Manager.

Sincerely,

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