

# The WA State Long Term Services and Supports Trust Act

WA Long Term Services and Support Trust Act (LTSS) is a state operated program for LTC benefits. The state operated program is \$36,500 of LTC benefits that must be received in WA state.

Starting 1/1/2022 there will be an employee payroll tax of .58% to fund the program with no limit on income for employees 18 and older working in WA state. For every \$1,000 of income the tax is \$5.80. For example, \$50,000 income is an annual tax of \$290.

As of 1/1/2025 eligible individuals can start receiving LTC benefits in WA state for \$100 per day up to \$36,500 (subject to annual adjustments for inflation). To qualify for benefits the employee pay the payroll tax a total of 10 years without interruption of 5 or more consecutive years or three years within the last 6 years. A year is working at least 500 hours. Employees can opt out of the tax if they have LTC insurance purchased before the effective date of this Act.

Employees have the option to apply for a payroll tax exemption between 10/1/2021 to 12/31/2022 if you have purchased LTC insurance prior to 11/1/2021.

This means you have until 11/1/2021 to purchase LTC insurance. If you purchase LTC Insurance after 11/1/2021 you will not be eligible to apply for a tax exemption.

For more information, please visit <http://www.wacaresfund.wa.gov/>

## House Bill 1087

CERTIFICATION OF ENROLLMENT  
**SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1087**

Chapter 363, Laws of 2019

66th Legislature  
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LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS TRUST PROGRAM

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 28, 2019

Passed by the House April 23, 2019  
Yeas 55 Nays 41

FRANK CHOPP  
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed by the Senate April 16, 2019  
Yeas 26 Nays 22

CYRUS HABIB  
President of the Senate

Approved May 13, 2019 3:20 PM

JAY INSLEE  
Governor of the State of Washington

CERTIFICATE

I, Bernard Dean, Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives of the State of Washington, do hereby certify that the attached is **SECOND SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 1087** as passed by the House of Representatives and the Senate on the dates hereon set forth.

BERNARD DEAN  
Chief Clerk

FILED  
May 16, 2019

Secretary of State  
State of Washington

## House Bill 1323

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**SHB 1323** - S COMM AMD  
By Committee on Health & Long Term Care

ADOPTED AND ENGROSSED 04/10/2021

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and insert the  
2 following:

3 "Sec. 1. RCW 50B.04.010 and 2020 c 98 s 1 are each amended to  
4 read as follows:  
5 The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter  
6 unless the context clearly requires otherwise.  
7 (1) "Account" means the long-term services and supports trust  
8 account created in RCW 50B.04.100.  
9 (2) "Approved service" means long-term services and supports  
10 including, but not limited to:  
11 (a) Adult day services;  
12 (b) Care transition coordination;  
13 (c) Memory care;  
14 (d) Adaptive equipment and technology;  
15 (e) Environmental modification;  
16 (f) Personal emergency response system;  
17 (g) Home safety evaluation;  
18 (h) Respite for family caregivers;  
19 (i) Home delivered meals;  
20 (j) Transportation;  
21 (k) Dementia supports;  
22 (l) Education and consultation;  
23 (m) Eligible relative care;  
24 (n) Professional services;  
25 (o) Services that assist paid and unpaid family members caring  
26 for eligible individuals, including training for individuals  
27 providing care who are not otherwise employed as long-term care  
28 workers under RCW 74.39A.074;  
29 (p) In-home personal care;  
30 (q) Assisted living services;  
31 (r) Adult family home services; and  
32 (s) Nursing home services.

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