Chapter 246-806 WAC

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CO-OCCURRING DISORDER SPECIALIST ENHANCEMENT

Note: Not all definitions in WAC 246-806-020 will be included in the final draft. Some of the definitions are placeholders if needed.

WAC 246-806-020 Definitions. The definitions in this section apply throughout this chapter unless the context clearly states otherwise:

(1) “Agency” means a community behavioral health agency or facility operated, licensed, or certified by the state of Washington; a federally recognized Indian tribe located with the state; a county; a federally qualified health center; or a hospital.

(2) “Approved supervisor” means a person who meets or exceeds the requirements of a substance use disorder professional licensed under chapters 18.205 RCW and 246-810 WAC and who would be eligible to take the examination required for certification.
(3) “ASAM criteria” means admission, continued service, and discharge criteria for the treatment of substance use disorders as published by the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM).

(4) Co-occurring disorder specialist” means an individual possessing an enhancement granted by the department under chapter 18.206 RCW and this chapter that certifies the individual to provide substance use disorder counseling subject to the practice limitations under RCW 18.205.105.

(5) “Federally qualified health center (FQHC)” means an entity that has entered into an agreement with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to meet medicare program requirements under 42 C.F.R. 405.2434 as described in chapter 182-548 WAC.

(6) “Hospital” means a facility licensed by the department under one of the following categories:

(a) Hospital licensing regulations in chapters 70.41 RCW and 246-320 WAC,

(b) Private psychiatric and alcoholism hospital under chapters 71.12 RCW and 246-322 WAC, or
(c) Private alcohol and substance use disorder hospitals under chapters 71.12 RCW and 246-324 WAC.

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-806-030 Application process.

(1) To receive a co-occurring disorder specialist enhancement, the applicant must submit to the department:
   (a) A completed application;
   (b) Verification of meeting the underlying licensure requirements in RCW 18.205.105(1);
   (c) Verification of completing the requirements in RCW 18.205.105(5); and
   (d) The fee according to WAC 246-806-990;

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-806-040 ASAM continuum of care.

(1) Licensees treating patients under a co-occurring disorder specialist enhancement must follow ASAM criteria according to RCW 18.205.105 and this section.

(2) Clients must be assessed using ASAM criteria dimensions.
(3) If a client is assessed at a 2.1 or higher level of care according to ASAM criteria, the enhancement holder must make a reasonable effort to refer the client to the appropriate care setting as indicated by the enhancement holder’s ASAM level of care decision.

(4) If an enhancement holder is unable to refer a client to the appropriate level of care based on ASAM criteria, then enhancement holder must substantiate the level of care or type of service chosen in the clinical record.

NEW SECTION

WAC 246-806-050 Scope of practice of underlying license.

Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to limit or restrict the scope of practice of:

(1) A psychologist licensed under ch 18.835 RCW; or

(2) An independent clinical social worker, marriage or family therapist, or mental health counselor licensed under chapter 18.225.
NEW SECTION

WAC 246-806-990 Fees.

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