



Matrix of Changes

Behavioral Health Agency (BHA) Licensing and Certification Requirements as they relate to Opioid Treatment Programs – Chapter 246-341 WAC

WAC Section and Title	Change(s) Made
<p>246-341-0200 Behavioral health—Definitions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a definition of “community relations plan.” This was moved from repealed WAC 246-341-1005 to the definition section since it is referenced in multiple places within the WAC. • Adds a new definition of “medication unit” to include OTP mobile and fixed-site medication units. • Adds a definition of “opioid treatment program” and references RCW 71.24.590 since it is referenced in multiple places within the WAC.
<p>246-341-0300 Agency licensure and certification—General information.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For streamlining and readability, the adopted rule incorporates subsections (1), (2)(b), (3), and (4) from WAC 246-341-1005 which was repealed. • New requirement for fixed-site medication units to notify the department prior to providing services.
<p>246-341-0342 Agency licensure and certification—Off-site locations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides clarification that additional requirements must be met before operating a fixed-site medication unit. • Moves language from section (5) regarding OTP mobile unit information to WAC 246-341-0300. • Moves language from section (5) regarding compliance references to WAC 246-341-1000. • Repeals language that requires OTP mobile and fixed-site medication units to submit a copy of DEA approval to the department. DEA approval is still required but the department will not ask for this information as part of its licensing/approval process.

WAC Section and Title	Change(s) Made
<p>246-341-1000 Opioid treatment programs (OTP)—<u>General Certification standards.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subsections (1), (5)-(12), (14), and (15) incorporate subsections of multiple WACs that are being repealed without changing the language. • Incorporates 42 CFR Part 8 Subpart C (2024) by reference to align with revised federal OTP regulations. • Adds the definition of “central registry.” • Subsection (2): The adopted amendments provide a list of policies and procedures that an OTP must develop, maintain, and implement in compliance with: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ specific requirements in 42 CFR Part 8, Subpart C (2024); ○ the OTP’s accreditation body standards; and, ○ New - after-hours contact service to confirm patient dose amounts, seven days a week, 24 hours a day. • Subsection (3): New requirement to use of the state’s “central registry” which is defined under subsection (15) of this rule. • Subsection (4): New requirement to offer on-site or by referral: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B vaccine. ○ Screening, testing, and treatment for syphilis and tuberculosis
<p>246-341-1005 Opioid treatment programs (OTP) – Agency certification requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This WAC is being repealed. Portions of the language are being incorporated into WACs 246-341-0300, 246-341-0200, and 246-341-1000
<p>246-341-1010 Opioid treatment programs (OTP)— Agency staff requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This WAC is being repealed. Portions of the language are being incorporated into WAC 246-341-1000
<p>246-341-1015 Opioid treatment programs (OTP) – Individual service record content and documentation requirements.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This WAC is being repealed. All of the requirements in this section are duplicative of what is already covered in 42 CFR Part 8, Subpart C.
<p>246-341-1020 Opioid treatment programs (OTP) – Medical director responsibility.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This WAC is being repealed. All of the requirements in this section, with the exception of subsections (3), (9) and (10), are duplicative of what is already covered in 42 CFR Part 8 and RCW 71.24.560. • Subsections (3), (9) and (10) moved to WAC 246-341-1000.

WAC Section and Title	Change(s) Made
<p>246-341-1025 Opioid treatment programs (OTP) – Medication management</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This WAC is being repealed. All of the requirements in this section, with the exception of subsections (3)(b), (6), and (7) are duplicative of what is already covered in 42 CFR Part 8. • Subsections (3)(b), (6), and (7) will be moved to WAC 246-341-1000.
<p>246-341-1100 Withdrawal management— Certification standards.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adopted rule corrects a citation in subsection (4). The current rule references WAC 246-341-1104 which has been repealed.

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