

WAC 246-341-1134 Mental health inpatient services—Evaluation and treatment services. Evaluation and treatment services are provided for individuals who are detained or on fourteen, ninety, or one hundred eighty-day civil commitment orders according to chapter 71.05 RCW. An agency providing evaluation and treatment services may choose to serve individuals on short-term commitment orders (fourteen-day), long-term commitment orders (ninety-day and one hundred eighty-day), or both. Agencies providing evaluation and treatment services may also provide services for individuals who are not detained or committed.

(1) In addition to meeting the agency licensure, certification, administration, personnel, and clinical requirements in WAC 246-341-0100 through 246-341-0650, and the applicable inpatient services requirements in WAC 246-341-1118 through 246-341-1132 an agency providing evaluation and treatment services must ensure:

(a) Designation of a physician or other mental health professional as the professional person as defined in RCW 71.05.020 in charge of clinical services at that facility; and

(b) A policy management structure that establishes:

(i) Procedures to assure appropriate and safe transportation for persons who are not approved for admission to his or her residence or other appropriate place;

(ii) Procedures to detain arrested persons who are not approved for admission for up to eight hours so that reasonable attempts can be made to notify law enforcement to return to the facility and take the person back into custody;

(iii) Procedures to assure the rights of individuals to make mental health advance directives, and facility protocols for responding to individual and agent requests consistent with RCW 71.32.150;

(iv) Procedures to ensure that if the facility releases the individual to the community, the facility informs the peace officer of the release within a reasonable period of time after the release if the peace officer has specifically requested notification and has provided contact information to the facility;

(v) Procedures to document that each individual has received evaluations to determine the nature of the disorder and the treatment necessary, including a psychosocial evaluation by a mental health professional; and

(vi) For individuals who are being evaluated as dangerous mentally ill offenders under RCW 72.09.370(7), the professional person in charge of the evaluation and treatment facility must consider filing a petition for a ninety day less restrictive alternative in lieu of a petition for a fourteen-day commitment.

(2) A facility certified to provide evaluation and treatment services for youth may provide treatment for a child on a one hundred eighty-day inpatient involuntary commitment order only until the child is discharged from the order to the community, or until a bed is available for that child in a child long-term inpatient treatment facility (CLIP).

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