WAC 246-341-0724 Outpatient services—Recovery support—Peer support behavioral health services. (1) Peer support behavioral health services provide a wide range of activities to assist an individual in exercising control over their own life and recovery process through:

(a) Developing self-advocacy and natural supports;

(b) Maintenance of community living skills;

(c) Promoting socialization; and

(d) The practice of peer counselors sharing their own life experiences related to behavioral health disorders to build alliances that enhance the individual's ability to function.

(2) An agency that provides certified peer support services must:

(a) Ensure peer support counselors are recognized by the health care authority as a "peer counselor" as defined in WAC 246-341-0200; and

(b) Provide peer support services within the scope of the peer counselor's training and department of health credential.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71.24.037, 71.05.560, 71.34.380, 18.205.160, 71.24.037 and chapters 71.05, 71.24, and 71.34 RCW. WSR 21-12-042, § 246-341-0724, filed 5/25/21, effective 7/1/21. Statutory Authority: 2018 c 201 and 2018 c 291. WSR 19-09-062, § 246-341-0724, filed 4/16/19, effective 5/17/19.]