

WAC 246-341-1140 Mental health inpatient services—Crisis stabilization unit and triage. An agency certified to provide crisis stabilization unit or triage services must meet all of the following criteria:

(1) A triage facility must be licensed as a residential treatment facility under chapter 71.12 RCW.

(2) If a crisis stabilization unit or triage facility is part of a jail, the unit must be located in an area of the building that is physically separate from the general population. "Physically separate" means:

(a) Out of sight and sound of the general population at all times;

(b) Located in an area with no foot traffic between other areas of the building, except in the case of emergency evacuation; and

(c) Has a secured entrance and exit between the unit and the rest of the facility.

(3) Ensure that a mental health professional is on-site at least eight hours per day, seven days a week, and accessible twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

(4) Ensure a mental health professional assesses an individual within three hours of the individual's arrival at the facility.

(5) For persons admitted to the crisis stabilization unit or triage facility on a voluntary basis, the clinical record must meet the clinical record requirements in WAC 246-341-0640.

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