

WAC 246-341-1136 Mental health inpatient services—Exception—Long-term certification. (1) For adults: At the discretion of the department, a facility may be granted an exception in order to allow the facility to be certified to provide treatment to adults on a ninety or one hundred eighty-day inpatient involuntary commitment orders.

(2) For children: At the discretion of the department, a facility that is certified as a 'mental health inpatient evaluation and treatment facility' may be granted an exception to provide treatment to a child on a one hundred and eighty-day inpatient involuntary treatment order only until the child is discharged from his/her order to the community, or until a bed is available for that child in a child long-term inpatient treatment facility (CLIP). The child cannot be assigned by the CLIP placement team in accordance with RCW 71.34.100 to any facility other than a CLIP facility.

(3) The exception certification may be requested by the facility, the director of the department or their designee, or the behavioral health organization for the facility's geographic area.

(4) The facility receiving the long-term exception certification for ninety or one hundred eighty-day patients must meet all requirements found in WAC 246-341-1134.

(5) The exception certification must be signed by the secretary or secretary's designee. The exception certification may impose additional requirements, such as types of consumers allowed and not allowed at the facility, reporting requirements, requirements that the facility immediately report suspected or alleged incidents of abuse, or any other requirements that the secretary or secretary's designee determines are necessary for the best interests of residents.

(6) The department may make unannounced site visits at any time to verify that the terms of the exception certification are being met. Failure to comply with any term of the exception certification may result in corrective action. If the department determines that the violation places residents in imminent jeopardy, immediate revocation of the certification can occur.

(7) Neither individuals nor facilities have fair hearing rights as defined under chapter 388-02 WAC regarding the decision to grant or not to grant exception certification.

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