

WAC 246-919-865 Patient notification, secure storage, and disposal. (1) The physician shall ensure the patient is provided the following information at the first issuance of a prescription for opioids and at the transition from acute to subacute, and subacute to chronic:

(a) Risks associated with the use of opioids as appropriate to the medical condition, the type of patient, and the phase of treatment;

(b) The safe and secure storage of opioid prescriptions; and

(c) The proper disposal of unused opioid medications including, but not limited to, the availability of recognized drug take-back programs.

(2) This requirement may be satisfied with a document provided by the department of health.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017, 18.71.800, 18.71A.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-23-061, § 246-919-865, filed 11/16/18, effective 1/1/19.]