

WAC 246-341-1140 Mental health inpatient services—Crisis stabilization unit—Agency facility and administrative standards. 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 certified to provide crisis stabilization unit services must meet all of the following criteria:

- (1) Be licensed by the department.
- (2) If a crisis stabilization unit 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) The professional person in charge of administration of the unit must be a mental health professional.
- (4) Have a policy management structure that establishes:
 - (a) Procedures to ensure that for persons who have been brought to the unit involuntarily by police, the stay is limited to twelve hours unless the individual has signed voluntarily into treatment;
 - (b) Procedures to ensure that within twelve hours of the time of arrival to the crisis stabilization unit, individuals who have been detained by a designated crisis responder under chapter 71.05 or 70.96B RCW are transferred to a certified evaluation and treatment facility;
 - (c) Procedures to assure appropriate and safe transportation of persons who are not approved for admission or detained for transfer to an evaluation and treatment facility, and if not in police custody, to their respective residence or other appropriate place;
 - (d) 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;
 - (e) Procedures to ensure that a mental health professional is on-site twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;
 - (f) Procedures to ensure that a licensed physician, physician assistant, or psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP) is available for consultation to direct care staff twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;
 - (g) Procedures to ensure that the following requirements are met when an individual is brought to the facility by a peace officer under RCW 71.05.153:
 - (i) Within twelve hours of arrival, a designated crisis responder (DCR) must determine if the individual meets detention criteria under chapter 71.05 RCW; and
 - (ii) If the facility releases the individual to the community, the facility must inform 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.
 - (h) Procedures to ensure the rights of persons to make mental health advance directives;

(i) Procedures to establish unit protocols for responding to the provisions of the advanced directives consistent with RCW 71.32.150; and

(j) Procedures to assure that restraint and seclusion are utilized only to the extent necessary to ensure the safety of patients and others, and in accordance with WAC 246-337-110, 246-322-180, and 246-320-745(6).

(5) Prominently post within the crisis stabilization unit the rights stated in WAC 246-341-1122, Mental health inpatient services—Rights of individuals receiving inpatient services, and provide them in writing to the individual in a language or format that the individual can understand.

[Statutory Authority: 2018 c 201 and 2018 c 291. WSR 19-09-062, § 246-341-1140, filed 4/16/19, effective 5/17/19.]