

**WAC 246-854-320 Consultation—Exemptions for exigent and special circumstances.** An osteopathic physician assistant is not required to consult with a pain management specialist as defined in WAC 246-854-330 when the osteopathic physician assistant has documented adherence to all standards of practice as defined in WAC 246-854-295 through 246-854-340, and when one or more of the following conditions are met:

- (1) The patient is following a tapering schedule;
- (2) The patient requires treatment for acute pain, which may or may not include hospitalization, requiring a temporary escalation in opioid dosage with expected return to their baseline dosage level or below;
- (3) The osteopathic physician assistant documents reasonable attempts to obtain a consultation with a pain management specialist and the circumstances justifying prescribing above one hundred twenty MED per day without first obtaining a consultation; or
- (4) The osteopathic physician assistant documents the patient's pain and function is stable and the patient is on a nonescalating dosage of opioids.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.57.800, 18.57A.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-20-087, § 246-854-320, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]