

**WAC 182-538D-0258 Behavioral health administrative service organizations—Administration of the Mental Health Involuntary Treatment Act and Substance Use Disorders Involuntary Treatment Act.** Behavioral health administrative service organizations (BH-ASOs) are responsible for administration of the Mental Health Involuntary Treatment Act and Substance Use Disorders Involuntary Treatment Act, including investigation, detention, transportation for people not eligible for medic-aid, due process and other court-related services, and other services required by chapters 71.05, 71.24, and 71.34 RCW. This includes:

(1) BH-ASOs ensuring that designated crisis responders (DCRs) perform the duties of involuntary investigation and detention in accordance with the requirements of chapters 71.05, 71.24, and 71.34 RCW.

(2) BH-ASOs and managed care organizations documenting the person's compliance with the conditions of mental health less restrictive alternative court orders by:

(a) Ensuring periodic evaluation of each committed person for release from or continuation of an involuntary treatment order. Evaluations must be recorded in the clinical record, and must occur at least monthly for ninety-day commitments and one hundred eighty-day commitments.

(b) Notifying the DCR if noncompliance with the less restrictive alternative order impairs the person sufficiently to warrant detention or evaluation for detention and petitioning for revocation of the less restrictive alternative court order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 2019 c 325, 2014 c 225, and 2018 c 201. WSR 19-24-063, § 182-538D-0258, filed 11/27/19, effective 1/1/20.]