

WAC 246-341-0342 Agency licensure and certification—Off-site locations. (1) A behavioral health agency that provides outpatient services at an established off-site location(s) shall:

(a) Maintain a list of each established off-site location where services are provided on a regularly scheduled ongoing basis and include, for each established off-site location:

(i) The name and address of the location the services are provided;

(ii) The primary purpose of the off-site location;

(iii) The service(s) provided; and

(iv) The date off-site services began at that location;

(b) Maintain an individual's confidentiality at the off-site location; and

(c) Securely transport confidential information and individual records between the licensed agency and the off-site location, if applicable.

(2) In addition to meeting the requirements in subsection (1) of this section, an agency providing services to an individual in their place of residence or services in a public setting that is not an established off-site location where services are provided on a regularly scheduled ongoing basis must:

(a) Implement and maintain a written protocol of how services will be offered in a manner that promotes individual, staff member, and community safety; and

(b) For the purpose of emergency communication and as required by RCW 71.05.710, provide access to a wireless telephone or comparable device to any employee, contractor, student, or volunteer when making home visits to individuals.

(3) For the purposes of this section:

(a) "Off-site" means the provision of services by a licensed behavioral health agency at a location where the assessment or treatment is not the primary purpose of the site, such as in schools, hospitals, long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, an individual's residence, the community, or housing provided by or under an agreement with the agency.

(b) "Established off-site location" means a location that is regularly used and set up to provide services rather than a location used on an individual, case-by-case basis.

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