

WAC 246-915-330 Participation in approved substance abuse monitoring program. (1) Any physical therapist or physical therapist assistant participating in the substance abuse monitoring program shall:

(a) Undergo a complete psychosocial evaluation before entering the approved monitoring program. This evaluation will be performed by health care professional(s) with expertise in substance use disorder. The person(s) performing the evaluation shall not also be the provider of the recommended treatment.

(b) Enter into a contract with WRAMP which shall include, but not be limited to, the following terms, which require the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant to:

(i) Undergo the recommended level of treatment in an approved treatment facility, including aftercare.

(ii) Abstain from all mind-altering substances including alcohol and cannabis except for medications prescribed by an authorized prescriber, as defined in RCW 69.41.030 and 69.50.101.

(iii) Complete any prescribed aftercare program of the intensive treatment facility, which may include individual or group psychotherapy.

(iv) Cause the treatment counselor(s) to provide reports to the approved monitoring program at specified intervals. Reports must include treatment, prognosis and goals.

(v) Complete random or for cause drug screening as specified by WRAMP.

(vi) Attend support groups facilitated by a health care professional or recovery-oriented group meetings as specified by the monitoring contract.

(vii) Comply with specified employment conditions and restrictions as defined by the monitoring contract.

(viii) Agree in writing to allow WRAMP to release information to the board if the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant does not comply with the requirements of the monitoring contract or is unable to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(ix) Pay the costs of the substance use disorder evaluation, substance abuse treatment, and random drug screens.

(x) Sign any requested release of information authorizations.

(2) When referred to WRAMP in lieu of discipline, the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant shall enter into a referral contract with the board. The board may take disciplinary action against the license of the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant under RCW 18.130.160 based on the violation by the physical therapist or physical therapist assistant of the referral contract.

(3) A physical therapist or physical therapist assistant may voluntarily participate in WRAMP in accordance with RCW 18.130.175(2) without first being referred to WRAMP by the board.

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