

**WAC 296-31-065 Can my client be referred for a consultation?**

(1) There may be instances when the department or the claimant's mental health provider may want to refer the claimant for a consultation. For example, if the claimant's accepted mental health condition presents a diagnostic or therapeutic challenge, or if the department needs additional information to make a decision on the claim.

(2) There are two levels of consultations that can be performed: Limited and extensive. Descriptions and procedure codes are included in the *Crime Victims Compensation Program Mental Health Fee Schedule and Billing Guidelines*.

(3) The consultant will be required to submit a report to the department that contains the following elements:

(a) The reason(s) for the consultation referral;

(b) Consultants related recommendations;

(c) Other information as requested by the department.

(4) Authorization from the department is required for:

(a) More than two consultations before the thirtieth session for adults or fortieth session for children; and

(b) More than one consultation between thirty and fifty sessions for adults or between forty and sixty sessions for children.

(5) You may **not** make a referral for a consultation if:

(a) An independent medical examination has been scheduled;

(b) A consultation has been scheduled by the department;

(c) Claim reopening is pending; or

(d) The claim is closed.

Note: The consultant must meet provider registration requirements per WAC 296-31-030.

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