

(Effective until May 1, 2023)

WAC 246-341-1140 Mental health inpatient services—Crisis stabilization unit and triage. An agency certified to provide crisis stabilization unit or triage services must meet all of the following criteria:

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(2) If a crisis stabilization unit or triage facility is part of a jail, the unit must be located in an area of the building that is physically separate from the general population. "Physically separate" means:

(a) Out of sight and sound of the general population at all times;

(b) Located in an area with no foot traffic between other areas of the building, except in the case of emergency evacuation; and

(c) Has a secured entrance and exit between the unit and the rest of the facility.

(3) Ensure that a mental health professional is on-site at least eight hours per day, seven days a week, and accessible twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week.

(4) Ensure a mental health professional assesses an individual within three hours of the individual's arrival at the facility.

(5) For persons admitted to the crisis stabilization unit or triage facility on a voluntary basis, the clinical record must meet the clinical record requirements in WAC 246-341-0640.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 71.24.037, 71.05.560, 71.34.380, 18.205.160, 71.24.037 and chapters 71.05, 71.24, and 71.34 RCW. WSR 21-12-042, § 246-341-1140, filed 5/25/21, effective 7/1/21. Statutory Authority: 2018 c 201 and 2018 c 291. WSR 19-09-062, § 246-341-1140, filed 4/16/19, effective 5/17/19.]

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(6) An agency certified to provide crisis stabilization unit or triage services must meet the service standards for residential and inpatient behavioral health services in WAC 246-341-1105 and the applicable standards in WAC 246-341-1131 if providing involuntary crisis stabilization unit or triage services.

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