

WAC 296-31-045 Can the department deny, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on a provider's authorization to treat crime victim claimants? The department has a duty to supervise the provisions of proper and necessary mental health care that is delivered promptly, efficiently and economically. We may deny, revoke, suspend or impose conditions on your authorization to treat crime victim claimants for reasons that include, but are not limited to:

(1) Incompetence or negligence that results in injury to a client or that exposes the client to harm.

(2) The possession, use, prescription for use, or distribution of controlled substances, legend drugs, or addictive, habituating or dependency-inducing substances except for therapeutic purposes.

(3) Limits placed on your license, certification and/or registration by any court, board or administrative agency. The limits may be temporary or permanent and may involve probation, suspension or revocation.

(4) The commission of any act involving moral turpitude, dishonesty, or corruption that relates to the practice of your profession. The act does not need to be a crime. If a court or other tribunal issues a conviction or finding regarding the act, a certified copy of the conviction or finding is conclusive evidence of the violation.

(5) Failure to comply with our rules, orders or policies.

(6) Failure, neglect or refusal to:

(a) Provide us with copies of your license, certification and/or registration and degree;

(b) Provide records requested by the department pursuant to a health care service review or an audit;

(c) Provide us with complete and timely reports that we require, or additional reports or records that we request.

(7) The submission or collusion in the submission of false or misleading reports or bills to any government agency.

(8) Billing a claimant for:

(a) Treatment of a condition for which the department has accepted responsibility; or

(b) The difference between the amount paid by the department and/or public or private insurance under the maximum allowable fee set forth in these rules and any other charge.

(9) Repeated failure to notify the department immediately and prior to burial in any death, where cause of death is not definitely known and possibly related to a crime victim injury.

(10) Repeated failure to recognize emotional and social factors that impede a client's recovery.

(11) Repeated unreasonable refusal to comply with the recommendations of a board certified or qualified specialist who examines or reviews a claim for us.

(12) Repeated use of treatment that is:

(a) Controversial or experimental;

(b) Contraindicated or hazardous;

(c) Performed after the condition stabilizes; or

(d) Performed after maximum mental health improvement is reached.

(13) Mental incompetence declared by a court or other tribunal.

(14) Failure to comply with the applicable code of professional conduct or ethics.

(15) Failure to inform us of disciplinary action against your license, certification or registration to practice, issued by order or formal letter.

(16) The finding of reason(s) to take action against your privileges to practice by any peer group review body.

(17) Misrepresentation or omission of any material information in your application for authorization to treat crime victims.

(18) Repeated billing of the department for services that are available to clients from public or private insurance sources. You must bill us only after all public or private insurance benefits are exhausted.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 7.68.030, 7.68.080, 7.68.100. WSR 00-03-056, § 296-31-045, filed 1/14/00, effective 2/14/00.]