RCW 74.09.632 Opioid overdose reversal medications—Technical assistance—Written materials. (1) The authority, in consultation with the department of health, the office of the insurance commissioner, and the addictions, drug, and alcohol institute at the University of Washington, shall provide technical assistance to hospitals and licensed or certified, behavioral health agencies to assist these entities, practitioners, and providers in complying with RCW 70.41.485 and 71.24.594. The technical assistance provided to behavioral health agencies must include:

(a) Training nonmedical providers on distributing and providing client education and directions for use of opioid overdose reversal medication;

(b) Providing written guidance for billing for opioid overdose reversal medication; and

(c) Analyzing the cost of additional behavioral health agency staff time to carry out the activities in RCW 71.24.594, and providing written guidance no later than January 1, 2022, for funding and billing direct service activities related to assisting clients to obtain opioid overdose reversal medication.

(2) The authority shall develop written materials in all relevant languages for each hospital and applicable licensed or certified behavioral health agency to comply with RCW 70.41.485 and 71.24.594, including directions for the use of opioid overdose reversal medication, and provide them to all hospitals and behavioral health agencies by January 1, 2022. [2021 c 273 § 6.]

Findings-Intent-2021 c 273: See note following RCW 70.41.480.