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WAC 246-341-1070 Inpatient and residential substance use disorder services—General. (1) An agency providing substance use disorder withdrawal management, secure withdrawal management, or residential substance use disorder services to an individual must:

(a) Inform individuals of their treatment options so they can make individualized choices for their treatment. This includes, as applicable, the initiation, continuation, or discontinuation of medications for substance use disorders.

(b) For individuals choosing to initiate or continue medications for their substance use disorder, make available on-site or facilitate off-site access to continue or initiate Federal Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medication for any substance use disorder, when clinically appropriate as determined by a medical practitioner.

(c) Provide continuity of care that allows individuals to receive timely and appropriate follow-up services upon discharge and, if applicable, allows the individual to continue medications with no missed doses.

(d) Document in the clinical record:

(i) The individual being informed of their treatment options including the use of medications for substance use disorder;

(ii) The continuation or initiation of FDA-approved medication for substance use disorder treatment that has been provided on-site or facilitated off-site, if applicable;

(iii) Referrals made to behavioral health providers including documentation that a discharge summary was provided to the receiving behavioral health provider as allowed under 42 C.F.R. Part 2; and

(iv) Contact or attempts to follow up with the individual post-discharge including the date of correspondence.

(2) An agency may not deny admission based solely on an individual taking FDA-approved medications, under the supervision of a medical provider, for their substance use disorder or require titration of dosages in order to be admitted or remain in the program.

[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, § 246-341-1070, filed 5/25/21, effective 7/1/21.]