

**WAC 246-341-1020 Opioid treatment programs (OTP)—Program physician responsibility.** An agency providing substance use disorder opioid treatment program services must ensure the program physician, or the medical practitioner under supervision of the program physician, performs and meets the following:

(1) The program physician or medical practitioner under supervision of the program physician:

(a) Is responsible to verify an individual is currently addicted to an opioid drug and that the person became addicted at least twelve months before admission to treatment; or

(b) May waive the twelve month requirement in (a) of this subsection upon receiving documentation that the individual:

(i) Was released from a penal institution, if the release was within the previous six months;

(ii) Is pregnant; or

(iii) Was previously treated within the previous twenty-four months.

(2) A physical evaluation must be completed on the individual before admission that includes the determination of opioid use disorder consistent with the current and applicable Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) criteria, and an assessment for appropriateness for Sunday and holiday take-home medication;

(3) A review must be completed by the department prescription drug monitoring program data on the individual:

(a) At admission;

(b) Annually after the date of admission; and

(c) Subsequent to any incidents of concern.

(4) All relevant facts concerning the use of the opioid drug must be clearly and adequately explained to each individual;

(5) Current written and verbal information must be provided to pregnant individuals, before the initial prescribed dosage regarding:

(a) The concerns of possible substance use disorder, health risks, and benefits the opioid treatment medication may have on the individual and the fetus;

(b) The risk of not initiating opioid treatment medication on the individual and the fetus; and

(c) Referral options to address neonatal abstinence syndrome for the baby.

(6) Each individual voluntarily choosing to receive maintenance treatment must sign an informed consent to treatment;

(7) Within fourteen days of admission, a medical examination must be completed that includes:

(a) Documentation of the results of serology and other tests; and

(b) An assessment for the appropriateness of take-home medications as required by 42 C.F.R. Part 8.12(i).

(8) When exceptional circumstances exist for an individual to be enrolled with more than one opioid treatment program agency, justification granting permission must be documented in the individual's clinical record at each agency;

(9) Each individual admitted to withdrawal management services must have an approved withdrawal management schedule that is medically appropriate;

(10) Each individual administratively discharged from services must have an approved withdrawal management schedule that is medically appropriate;

(11) An assessment for other forms of treatment must be completed for each individual who has two or more unsuccessful withdrawal management episodes within twelve consecutive months; and

(12) An annual medical examination must be completed on each individual that includes the individual's overall physical condition and response to medication.

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