

WAC 246-803-308 Patient abandonment. (1) An East Asian medicine practitioner may accept or reject a patient, but shall respond to any reasonable request for services in the interest of public health and welfare.

(2) The attending East Asian medicine practitioner, without reasonable cause, shall not neglect, ignore, abandon, or refuse to treat a patient. If the East Asian medicine practitioner chooses to withdraw responsibility for a patient of record, the East Asian medicine practitioner shall:

(a) Advise the patient in writing that treatment is being terminated and that another East Asian medicine practitioner should be sought for future care; and

(b) Advise the patient that the East Asian medicine practitioner shall remain reasonably available for up to fifteen calendar days from the date of such notice to address clinical concerns related to the care provided.

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