

WAC 246-854-335 Tapering requirements. (1) The osteopathic physician assistant shall assess and document the appropriateness of continued use of the current treatment plan if the patient's response to or compliance with the current treatment is unsatisfactory.

(2) The osteopathic physician assistant shall consider tapering, changing, discontinuing treatment, or referral for a substance use disorder evaluation when:

- (a) The patient requests;
- (b) The patient experiences a deterioration in function or pain;
- (c) The patient is noncompliant with the written agreement;
- (d) Other treatment modalities are indicated;
- (e) There is evidence of misuse, abuse, substance use disorder, or diversion;
- (f) The patient experiences a severe adverse event or overdose;
- (g) There is unauthorized escalation or doses; or
- (h) The patient is receiving an escalation in opioid dosage with no improvement in pain, function, or quality of life.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.57.800, 18.57A.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-20-087, § 246-854-335, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]