

**WAC 246-854-325 Consultation—Exemptions for the osteopathic physician assistant.** An osteopathic physician assistant is exempt from the consultation requirement in WAC 246-854-315 if one or more of the following qualifications are met:

(1) The osteopathic physician assistant is a pain management specialist under WAC 246-854-330;

(2) The osteopathic physician assistant has successfully completed every four years a minimum of twelve continuing education hours on chronic pain management approved by the profession's continuing education accrediting organizations. At least two of these hours must be in substance use disorders;

(3) The osteopathic physician assistant is a pain management practitioner working in a multidisciplinary chronic pain treatment center or a multidisciplinary academic research facility; or

(4) The osteopathic physician assistant has a minimum of three years clinical experience in a chronic pain management setting, and at least thirty percent of their current practice is the direct provision of pain management care.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.57.800, 18.57A.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-20-087, § 246-854-325, filed 10/1/18, effective 11/1/18.]