

WAC 246-817-810 Terms used in WAC 246-817-801 through 246-817-830. "Aftercare" is that period of time after intensive treatment that provides the dentist or the dentist's family with group or individual counseling sessions, discussions with other families, ongoing contact and participation in self-help groups, and ongoing continued support of treatment and/or monitoring program staff.

"Approved substance use disorder monitoring program" or "approved physician health monitoring program" is a program the DQAC has determined meets the requirements of the law and the criteria established by the DQAC in the Washington Administrative Code which enters into a contract with dentists who have substance use disorders or other potentially impairing health conditions regarding the required components of the dentist's recovery activity and oversees the dentist's compliance with these requirements. Substance use disorder or other potentially impairing health conditions monitoring programs may provide evaluation or treatment to participating dentists.

"Approved treatment facility" is a facility approved by the bureau of alcohol and substance abuse, department of social and health services according to RCW 18.130.175.

"Contract" is a comprehensive, structured agreement between the recovering dentist and the approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program wherein the dentist consents to comply with the physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program and the required components for the dentist's recovery activity.

"Dentist support group" is a group of dentists and/or other health professionals meeting regularly to support the recovery of its members. The group provides a confidential setting with a trained and experienced facilitator in which participants may safely discuss drug diversion, licensure issues, return to work, and other professional issues related to recovery.

"Random drug screens" are laboratory tests to detect the presence of drugs of abuse in bodily fluids collected under observation which are performed at irregular intervals not known in advance by the person to be tested.

"Substance use disorder" is the impairment, as determined by the DQAC, of a dentist's professional services by an addiction to, a dependency on, or the use of alcohol, legend drugs, or controlled substances.

"Twelve-steps groups" are groups such as Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous, and related organizations based on a philosophy of anonymity, belief in a power outside of oneself, peer group association, and self-help.

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