

**(Effective January 1, 2025)**

**WAC 246-821-410 Clinical supervisors.** (1) To supervise a certified behavioral health support specialist, a provider shall hold one of the following Washington state credentials:

(a) Advanced social worker or associate license under chapter 18.225 RCW;

(b) Independent clinical social worker or associate license under chapter 18.225 RCW;

(c) Marriage and family therapist or associate license under chapter 18.225 RCW;

(d) Mental health counselor or associate license under chapter 18.225 RCW;

(e) Osteopathic physician license under chapter 18.57 RCW;

(f) Physician license under chapter 18.71 RCW;

(g) Physician assistant license under chapter 18.71A RCW;

(h) Psychiatric advanced practice registered nurse license under chapter 18.79 RCW; or

(i) Psychologist or associate license under chapter 18.83 RCW.

(2) Other providers may also be eligible to provide BHSS supervision if they:

(a) Hold a Washington state credential issued by another state agency; and

(b) Have the ability to assess, diagnose, and treat identifiable mental and behavioral health conditions as part of their scope of practice.

(3) A clinical supervisor is responsible for:

(a) Supervising a BHSS's treatment of clients and ensuring the BHSS does not exceed their scope of practice;

(b) Providing regular, outcome-focused supervision appropriate for the BHSS's training, education, and experience;

(c) Providing competent supervision based on the supervisor's own level of training, education, and experience; and

(d) Ensuring that behavioral health consultation is available to the BHSS if necessary.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.227.020, chapter 18.227 RCW, and 2023 c 270. WSR 24-21-083, s 246-821-410, filed 10/16/24, effective 1/1/25.]