



Certification Crosswalk

Revised BHA Licensing and Certification Requirements – [Chapter 246-341 WAC](#)

Edits made throughout the chapter:

1. Replaced the terms “clinical record”, “medical record” and “health record” with “individual service record.”
2. Updated references to different WAC sections and RCWs throughout the chapter.

For additional information on changes, repeals, etc.... please see:

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|---|---|--|--|
| Individual mental health treatment services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 | 246-341-0737 New section creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessments • counseling/therapy • medication management • outpatient court-ordered services |
| Brief mental health intervention treatment services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 | 246-341-0737 creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessments • counseling/therapy • medication management • outpatient court-ordered services |
| Group mental health therapy services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 | 246-341-0737 creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessments • counseling/therapy • medication management • outpatient court-ordered services |
| Family therapy mental health services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 | 246-341-0737 creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • assessment, • counseling/therapy • medication management • outpatient court-ordered services |

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|---|--|--|--|
| Rehabilitative case management mental health services | Behavioral health support | 246-341-0700 | <p>246-341-0700 defines rehabilitative case management in accordance with State Medicaid Plan definitions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |
| Psychiatric medication management services | Behavioral outpatient assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0739 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified that an individual service plan is not required when providing these services. |

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| Medication monitoring services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0713 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. • Clarified that psychiatric medication monitoring services can be provided by telehealth. • Clarified that a support plan or individual service plan is not required when providing these services. |

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| Day support mental health services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. • If counseling or therapy is provided, the agency must obtain a certification for Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment and treatment – service standards in 246-341-0737. |
| Recovery support: Supported employment mental health services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0720 | <p>Clarified that supported employment services are not required to be provided under clinical supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |

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| Recovery support: Supported employment substance use disorder services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0720 | <p>Clarified that supported employment services are not required to be provided under clinical supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |
| Recovery support: Supportive housing mental health services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0722 | <p>Clarified that supportive housing services are not required to be provided under clinical supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |

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| Recovery support: Supportive housing substance use disorder services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0722 | <p>Clarified that supportive housing services are not required to be provided under clinical supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |
| Recovery support: Peer support mental health services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. • Defines peer support |
| Recovery support: Peer support substance use disorder services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 | See above |

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| Recovery support: Mental health peer respite center | Mental health peer respite | 246-341-0700 246-341-0725 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporated that agencies providing support services do not follow WAC 246-341-0640, but instead follow modified requirements for assessment, documentation, and discharge. • Clarified that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |
| Recovery support: Applied behavior analysis (ABA) mental health services | Applied behavior analysis | 246-341-1300 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removed age limits, as ABA can apply to all age groups. • Incorporated language from WAC 246-341-0718, recovery support services, for the requirements in subsection (1). These requirements were further revised to be ABA-specific. • Added licensed assistant behavior analyst (LABA) to the list of professions. |
| Consumer-run recovery support: Clubhouse mental health services | Clubhouse | 246-341-0730 | Clarifies that a clubhouse that does not provide other certified services is not required to operate under the supervision of an MHP. |

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| Substance use disorder level one outpatient services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment, and treatment | 246-341-0737 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 246-341-0737 creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ assessments, ○ counseling/therapy, ○ medication management ○ outpatient court-ordered services. • In doing so it removes the need for individual certifications for things such as individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, level 1 outpatient, level 2 outpatient, etc. |
| Substance use disorder level two intensive outpatient services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment, and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0740 (if providing services for deferred prosecution) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 246-341-0737 creates a certification category that incorporates services that include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ assessments, ○ counseling/therapy, ○ medication management ○ outpatient court-ordered services. • In doing so it removes the need for individual certifications for things such as individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, level 1 outpatient, level 2 outpatient, etc. |
| Substance use disorder assessment only services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment, and treatment | 246-341-0737 | |

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| Substance use disorder alcohol and drug information school services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment, and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0746 | 246-341-0746 includes clarifying language, based on stated current practice, that agencies providing this service must include a copy of an assessment, if the individual was assessed, that indicates the individual does not have a substance use disorder in the behavioral health record. An individual service plan does not need to be included. |
| Substance use disorder information and crisis services | Behavioral health support | 246-341-0700 246-341-0715 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removes the requirement for SUD crisis staff to have 40 hours of SUD training and replaces with training staff to identify and respond to individuals in crisis which applies to both SUD and MH. • Adds requirements for SUD crisis support services to align with MH crisis support including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assure communication with SUD treatment provider as necessary ○ Remain with the individual in crisis until resolved or referred ○ Refer and transport individuals as necessary ○ Document crisis plan if available ○ Provide for safety of staff going to personal home or nonpublic setting |
| Substance use disorder emergency service patrol services and | Behavioral health information and assistance | 246-341-0660 246-341-0680 | |
| Problem gambling and gambling disorder services | Problem gambling and gambling disorder | 246-341-1200 | |

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| Less restrictive alternative (LRA) or conditional release support behavioral health services | Behavioral health outpatient intervention, assessment, and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0805 | |
| Designated crisis responder (DCR) services | Designated crisis responder | 246-341-0901 246-341-0912 | Agencies certified for designated crisis responder (DCR) services do not need to meet the general requirements for crisis services in WAC 246- 341-0900 and must instead meet the outpatient crisis outreach, observation, and intervention services certification standards in WAC 246-341-0901. |
| Substance use disorder counseling services subject to RCW 46.61.5056 | Behavioral health outpatient, intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0815 | |
| Driving under the influence (DUI) substance use disorder assessment services | Behavioral health outpatient, intervention, assessment and treatment | 246-341-0737 246-341-0820 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removed “in-person” and replaced with “face-to-face” to allow for DUI assessments to be conducted via synchronous video conferencing. Added requirement for assessment summary to document whether assessment was done in-person or via telehealth |

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| Crisis mental health telephone support services | Behavioral health information and assistance Note: This certification may also be used for providing crisis SUD telephone services previously provided as part of the SUD information and assistance certification. | 246-341-0660 246-341-0670 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds a requirement to maintain a list of referral resources. • Agencies providing crisis SUD telephone services are no longer required to have crisis staff have 40 hours of SUD training and instead must train staff to identify and respond to individuals in crisis. • Agencies providing crisis SUD telephone services must follow the same documentation requirements as MH crisis telephone support services and must coordinate with the individual’s treatment provider, if applicable, and remain with the individual until the crisis is resolved or a referral has been made. |

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| Crisis mental health outreach services | Behavioral health outpatient crisis, observation, and intervention Note: This certification is used if provided crisis SUD outreach services. | 246-341-0901 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adds requirements for SUD crisis support services to align with MH crisis support including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Assure communication with SUD treatment provider as necessary ○ Remain with the individual in crisis until resolved or referred ○ Refer and transport individuals as necessary ○ Document crisis plan if available ○ Provide for safety of staff going to personal home or nonpublic setting • Added clarifying language in subsection (8), for agencies that utilize peer counselors for crisis outreach response. This adds a “professional appropriately credentialed to provide substance use disorder treatments as appropriate to the crisis” as a type of professional that can accompany the peer counselor to the initial crisis visit. |
| Crisis mental health stabilization services | Behavioral health support services | 246-341-0700 246-341-0715 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires following modified assessment, documentation, and discharge requirements. • Clarifies that the agency conducts a needs assessment or screening to determine appropriateness of services rather than obtaining a full bio-psycho-social assessment and create a support plan rather than a full individual service plan. |

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| Opioid treatment program (OTP) services | Opioid treatment program | 246-341-1000 through 1025 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 246-341-1015 Changed the caption from “Opioid treatment programs (OTP)-Clinical record content and documentation requirements” to “Opioid treatment programs (OTP)-Individual service record content and documentation requirements.” • 246-341-1020 Incorporated interpretive statement filed as WSR 21-11-071 on Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) Annual Medical Exam via Telehealth. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Updated terminology pertaining to clinical records. |
| Withdrawal management services - Adult | Withdrawal management | 246-341-1100 246-341-1104 (should be 1105) 246-341-1108 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified language requiring agencies certified for this service to also meet the certification standards in WAC 246-341-1105 and the individual service requirements in WAC 246-341-1108. *Note there is an error in this section of the revised WAC. It references -1104 and it should be -1105. |
| Withdrawal management services - Youth | Withdrawal management | 246-341-1100 246-341-1104 (should be 1105) 246-341-1108 | Same as above |
| Secure withdrawal management and stabilization services - Adult | Involuntary behavioral health residential or inpatient | 246-341-1100 246-341-1104 (should be 1105) 246-341-1108 246-341-1135 | |

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| Secure withdrawal management and stabilization services - Youth. | Involuntary behavioral health residential or inpatient | 246-341-1100 246-341-1104 (should be 1105) 246-341-1108 246-341-1135 | |
| Previously called “outpatient services in a residential setting.” | Behavioral health residential or inpatient intervention Note: New certification to capture voluntary only (non-evaluation & treatment) residential services. | 246-341-1105 246-341-1108 | |
| Intensive substance use disorder inpatient services | Behavioral health residential or inpatient intervention | 246-341-1105 246-341-1108 | |
| Low-intensity (recovery house) residential treatment services | Behavioral health residential or inpatient intervention | 246-341-1105 246-341-1108 | |
| Long-term treatment services and | Behavioral health residential or inpatient intervention | 246-341-1105 246-341-1108 | |
| Youth residential services. | Behavioral health residential or inpatient intervention | 246-341-1105 246-341-1108 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarified that provision of academic education, leisure activities, structured recreation, and group meetings can be otherwise advised by the treatment provider. • Revised the school requirements to reflect that the agency must coordinate with the youth’s school district. • Clarified that a youth who turns 18 while admitted to a youth facility may continue to receive services if it is in their best interest and the agency can meet the requirements for serving both youth and adults. |

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| Evaluation and treatment services - Adult | Involuntary behavioral health residential or inpatient | 246-341-0805 (if providing LRA) 246-341-1105 246-341-1131 246-341-1133 | |
| Evaluation and treatment services - Youth | Involuntary behavioral health residential or inpatient | 246-341-0805 (if providing LRA) 246-341-1105 246-341-1131 246-341-1133 | Adds training requirements, room checks, documentation, and provision of academic education specific, leisure activities, structured recreation, and group meetings. |
| Intensive behavioral health treatment services | Intensive behavioral health treatment | 246-341-0805 246-341-1105 246-341-1118 246-341-1137 | |
| Child long-term inpatient program services | Involuntary behavioral health residential or inpatient | 246-341-0805 (if providing LRA) 246-341-1105 246-341-1133 | Adds training requirements, room checks, documentation, and provision of academic education specific, leisure activities, structured recreation, and group meetings. |
| Crisis stabilization unit services | Crisis stabilization and triage | 246-341-1105 246-341-1131 (if involuntary) 246-341-1140 | |
| Triage - Involuntary services | Crisis stabilization and triage | 246-341-1105 246-341-1131 246-341-1140 | |
| Triage - Voluntary services and | Crisis stabilization unit and triage | 246-341-1105 246-341-1140 | |
| Competency evaluation and restoration treatment services. | Competency restoration | 246-341-1154 through 246-341-1158 | |