



Facilities Complaint Process

Who Is The Facilities Case Management Team?

Office of Community Health Systems (OCHS)

- · Executive Director or designee
- Program Manager specific to Facility type

Governing office who sets rules and issues credentials to healthcare facilities operating within the state of Washington.

Office of Health System Oversight (OHSO)

- Executive Director or designee
- Investigative and/or Survey
 Manager specific to facility type
- Case Manager specific to facility type

Investigative and survey office who when directed by Facilities CMT will enter facilities to gather facts and evidence to substantiate allegation(s) and/or ensure compliance with laws/rules.

Office of Investigative and Legal Services (OILS)

- · Executive Director or designee
- Staff Attorney involved in specific facility case

Legal office who when directed by Facilities CMT will issue and negotiate enforcement/legal actions against a facility when violation(s) of law or rule occur.

Glossary

ASF Ambulatory Surgical Facility

Authority A separate governing body that regulates certain areas

and/or investigates said areas. Example: Washington Health Care Authority regulates Medicare/Medicaid funding

and areas of Behavioral Health

BHA Behavioral Health Agency

Case Manager Position processing complaint cases through investigation/

survey and interacting with complainants as needed

CBC Child Birth Center

CIU Complaint Intake Unit

CMT Case Management Team comprising of OCHS, OHSO, and

OILS representatives that reviews case allegation(s) for

potential investigation

Commission A separate governing body that regulates professions and/

or investigates allegations about said profession. Example:

Washington Medical Commission regulates medical providers like doctors and physician assistants

DOH Department of Health

HAC Hospital Acute Care

HPSY Hospital Psychiatric

HSQA Health Systems Quality Assurance – Office within the

Department of Health

IHS In-Home Services

Investigation Case opened when complaint is made alleging violation(s)

of Washington laws or rules pertinent to the Facility

MTS Medical Test Site

OCHS Office of Community Health Systems

OHSO Office of Health System Oversight

OILS Office of Investigative and Legal Services

OTP Opioid Treatment Program

RTF Residential Treatment Facility

