

The Washington Telebuprenorphine Hotline

Fast and Low-Barrier Opioid Treatment

Addressing Washington's Opioid & Fentanyl Crisis

What is the WA Telebuprenorphine Hotline and how does it work?

A [statewide telehealth program](#) providing low-barrier access to buprenorphine, a medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD), to anyone ages 13+ years. The line provides a direct connection from crisis intervention to sustained care.

No-cost visits - no insurance required - strong referral pathways for long-term care

- **Call the hotline any day of the week from 9 AM-9 PM** - audio or video options available
- **Same-day telehealth visit*** with a trained emergency medicine doctor
- **Prescription sent to your pharmacy**
- **Linkage-to-care coordinators** connect you to ongoing treatment and support

*Compliant with WA & federal telehealth regulations; DEA-registered providers may prescribe buprenorphine without an in-person visit.

Impact at Scale – Statewide by early 2026

Built on the successful 2023 King County pilot. The hotline, operated by the UW Department of Emergency Medicine, will expand statewide with funding from the WA Department of Health and Opioid Settlement Funds.

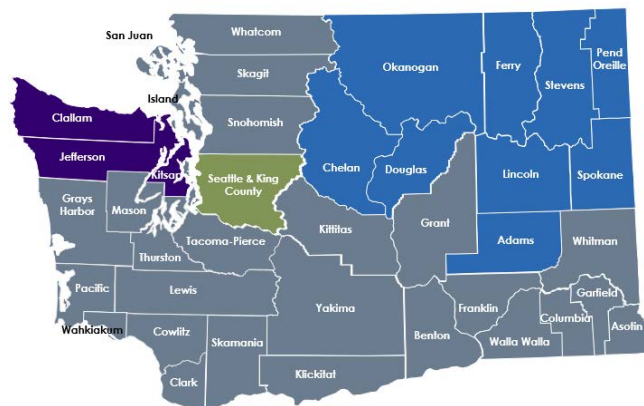
Fall 2025 Expansion

September/October

The Sovereign Nations of Hoh, Jamestown S’Klallam, Lower Elwha Klallam, Makah, Port Gamble S’Klallam, Quileute, and Suquamish, and Kitsap, Clallam, and Jefferson counties.

November

Reservations of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians, the Spokane Tribe of Indians, the Colville Confederated Tribes, and Ferry, Stevens, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Lincoln, Adams, Chelan, Douglas, and Okanogan counties.



Impact - First 18 Months

1,000+ patients helped

70% connected to ongoing treatment

5,000+ calls answered

90% prescription pick-up rate

Served people: recently incarcerated - after nonfatal overdoses - those in urgent need of bridge prescriptions.

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