

Option 1: General list of requirements. Lacks specificity=open to interpretation.

(2) An agency providing 23-hour crisis relief center services must be constructed in such a way to be responsive to the unique characteristics of the types of interventions used to provide care for all levels of behavioral health acuity and accessibility needs including having:

- () A public walk-in entrance;
- () A designated area for first responder drop-off;
- () Private space for screening and delivery of clinical services;
- () Secure medication storage;
- () Secure storage for personal belongings of individuals receiving services;
- () No more than 24 licensed recliners in a single room;
- () At least four feet of clear floor space between recliners and at least three feet of clear floor space between the recliner and wall;
- () At least one toilet and one shower for every eight recliners;
- () A station that allows staff observation of the patient care areas;
- () A bed in a private space for individuals who are admitted for greater than 24 hours per WAC XXX;
- () A room capable of restraint or seclusion that meets the construction standards in WAC 246-337-127;
- () A system or systems within the building that give staff awareness of the movements of individuals within the facility. If a door control system is used, it shall not prevent a resident from leaving the licensed space on their own accord, except temporary delays. Such systems include:
 - (i) Limited egress systems consistent with state building code, such as delayed egress;
 - (ii) Appropriate staffing levels to address safety and security; and
 - (iii) Policies and procedures that:
 - (A) Are consistent with the assessment of the individual's care needs and plan; and

(B) Do not limit the rights of a voluntary individual.

() A nourishment area for individuals receiving services to eat and drink;

() Access to a telephone for individuals receiving services;

() Storage for cleaning supplies;

() A room for holding of soiled linens, supplies, and equipment; and

() A room for storage of clean linen, supplies, and equipment.

(3) An agency must obtain construction review approval prior to a certification for 23-hour crisis relief services being granted. The construction standards in this section apply to agencies providing 23-hr crisis relief center services including:

(a) New buildings to be certified to provide 23-hr crisis relief center services;

(b) Conversion of an existing building or portion of an existing building for providing 23-hr crisis relief center services;

(c) Additions to an existing agency providing 23-hr crisis relief center services;

(d) Alterations to an existing agency providing 23-hr crisis relief center services; and

(e) Buildings or portions of buildings certified to provide 23-hour crisis relief center services and used for providing 23-hour crisis relief center services;

(f) Excluding nonpatient care buildings used exclusively for administration

functions.

(4) The requirements of chapter [246-341](#) WAC in effect at the time the application and fee are submitted to the department, and project number is assigned by the department, apply for the duration of the construction project.

(5) Construction review process.

(a) Preconstruction. The applicant or licensee must request and attend a presubmission conference with the department for projects with a construction value of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more. The presubmission conference shall be scheduled to occur at the end of the design development phase or the beginning of the construction documentation phase of the project.

(b) Construction document review. The applicant or licensee must submit accurate and complete construction documents for proposed new construction to

the department for review within ten days of submission to the local authorities. The construction documents must include:

(i) A written functional program outlining the types of services provided, types of residents to be served, and how the needs of the residents will be met including a narrative description of:

- (A) Program goals;
- (B) Staffing and health care to be provided, as applicable;
- (C) Room functions;
- (D) Safety and security efforts;
- (E) Restraint and seclusion;
- (F) Medication storage; and
- (G) Housekeeping.

(ii) Drawings prepared, stamped, and signed by an architect or engineer licensed by the state of Washington under chapter **18.08** RCW. The services of a consulting engineer licensed by the state of Washington may be used for the various branches of the work, if appropriate;

(iii) Drawings with coordinated architectural, mechanical, and electrical work drawn to scale showing complete details for construction;

(iv) Specifications that describe with specificity the workmanship and finishes;

(v) Shop drawings and related equipment specifications;

(vi) An interim life safety measures plan to ensure the health and safety of occupants during construction and renovation; and

(vii) An infection control risk assessment indicating appropriate infection control measures, including keeping the surrounding occupied area free of dust and fumes during construction, and ensuring rooms or areas are well ventilated, unoccupied, and unavailable for use until free of volatile fumes and odors.

(c) Resubmittals. The licensee shall respond in writing when the department requests additional or corrected construction documents.

(d) Construction. The licensee or applicant shall comply with the following requirements during the construction phase:

(i) Assure conformance to the approved plans during construction;

(ii) Submit addenda, change orders, construction change directives or any other deviation from the approved plans to the department prior to their installation; and

(iii) Allow any necessary inspections for the verification of compliance with the construction documents, addenda, and modifications.

(e) Project closeout. The licensee or applicant shall not use any new or remodeled areas until:

(i) The department has approved construction documents;

(ii) The local jurisdictions have completed all required inspections and approvals, when applicable or given approval to occupy; and

(iii) The licensee or applicant notifies the department when construction is completed and includes:

(A) A copy of the local jurisdiction's approval for occupancy;

(B) The completion date;

(C) The actual construction cost; and

(D) Additional information as required by the department.

(6) An agency may temporarily exceed the number of licensed recliners only to comply with the no-refusal policy for law enforcement, up to the maximum occupancy allowed by the local building department for patient care spaces within the licensed unit.

(7) For the purposes of this section, a recliner means a piece of equipment used by individuals receiving crisis services that can be in a sitting position and fully reclined.

Option 2: Use draft above but add specificity. Will take significant amount of time.

Option 3: Reference existing national standard with ability to exempt or amend certain requirements.

An agency certified to provide 23-hour crisis relief center services must be constructed in such a way to be responsive to the unique characteristics of the types of interventions used to provide care for all levels of behavioral health acuity and accessibility needs. These rules are not retroactive and are intended to be applied as outlined below.

(1) These regulations apply to agencies providing 23-hr crisis relief center services including:

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(2) The requirements of chapter [246-341 WAC](#) in effect at the time the application and fee are submitted to the department, and project number is assigned by the department, apply for the duration of the construction project.

(3) Standards for design and construction.

Facilities constructed and intended for use under this chapter shall comply with:

(a) The following sections of the 2022 edition of the *Guidelines for Design and Construction of Hospitals* as developed by the Facilities Guidelines Institute and published by the Facility Guidelines Institute, 9750 Fall Ridge Trail, St. Louis, MO as amended in WAC [246-341](#) (**allows us to add things we want and remove things we don't**):

- (i) 1.1 Introduction
- (ii) 1.2 Planning, Design, Construction, and Commissioning
- (iii) 2.1 Common Elements for Hospitals
- (iv) 2.2 -3.2 Specific Requirements for General Hospitals, Behavioral Health

Crisis unit;

(v) Part 4: Ventilation of Health Care Facilities; and

(b) The following specific requirements:

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Means for visual observation of the unit
Exam/treatment room
Square footage per person
Space around recliners
Hand washing station
Toilet
Shower
Quiet room
Secure holding room- where provided
Medication safety zone
Outdoor area- Where provided
Nurse station
Intake/consultation room
Nourishment room
Clean workroom/supply
Soiled workroom/holding
Equipment/Supply storage
Environmental service room
Staff support area
Visitor/family lounge

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