WAC 246-320-271 Psychiatric services. The purpose of this section is to guide the management and care of patients receiving psychiatric services. Hospitals are not required to provide these services in order to be licensed.

If providing a psychiatric services, hospitals must:
1. Adopt and implement policies and procedures on the development, use, and review of the individualized treatment plan, including participation by:
   a. Multidisciplinary treatment team;
   b. Patient; and
   c. Family as appropriate;
2. Define the qualifications and oversight of staff delivering psychiatric services;
3. Use hospital policies and procedures which define standards of practice;
4. Assure patient privacy during interviewing, group and individual counseling, physical examinations, and social activities;
5. Provide services according to WAC 246-322-170;
6. Designate and use separate sleeping rooms for children and adults;
7. Provide or have access to at least one seclusion room; and
8. Assure close observation of patients.

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