

WAC 182-538C-220 Covered crisis mental health services. (1)

Crisis mental health services are intended to stabilize an individual in crisis to:

- (a) Prevent further deterioration;
- (b) Provide immediate treatment and intervention in a location best suited to meet the needs of the individual; and
- (c) Provide treatment services in the least restrictive environment available.

(2) Crisis mental health services include:

- (a) Crisis telephone support under WAC 388-877A-0230;
- (b) Crisis outreach services under WAC 388-877A-0240;
- (c) Crisis stabilization services under WAC 388-877A-0260;
- (d) Crisis peer support services under WAC 388-877A-0270; and
- (e) Emergency involuntary detention services under WAC 388-877A-0280.

(3) A facility providing any crisis mental health service to an individual must:

- (a) Be licensed by the department of social and health services as a behavioral health agency;
- (b) Be certified by the department of social and health services to provide crisis mental health services;
- (c) Have policies and procedures to support and implement the:
 - (i) Program-specific requirements in WAC 388-877A-0230 through 388-877A-0280 for each crisis mental health service provided; and
 - (ii) Department of corrections access to confidential mental health information requirements in WAC 388-865-0600 through 388-865-0640.

(4) A BH-ASO or its subcontractor providing crisis mental health services only is not required to meet the initial assessment, individual service plan, and clinical record requirements in WAC 388-877-0610, 388-877-0620, and 388-877-0640.

(5) A BH-ASO or its subcontractor must ensure crisis mental health services:

- (a) Are, with the exception of stabilization services, available twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week;
- (b) Include family members, significant others, and other relevant treatment providers, as necessary, to provide support to the individual in crisis; and
- (c) Are provided in a setting that is safe for the individual and staff members of the BH-ASO and its subcontractor.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160. WSR 16-05-051, § 182-538C-220, filed 2/11/16, effective 4/1/16.]