

**WAC 246-817-820 Approval of physician health programs or substance use disorder monitoring programs.** The DQAC will approve the physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program(s) which will participate in the recovery of dentists. The DQAC will enter into a contract with the approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program(s) on an annual basis.

(1) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program may provide evaluations and/or treatment to the participating dentists.

(2) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program staff must have the qualifications and knowledge of both substance use disorders, other potentially impairing health conditions, and the practice of dentistry as defined in this chapter to be able to evaluate:

(a) Drug screening laboratories;

(b) Laboratory results;

(c) Providers of substance abuse treatment for substance use disorders or other potentially impairing health conditions, both individual and facilities;

(d) Dentists' support groups;

(e) The dentists' work environment; and

(f) The ability of the dentist to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(3) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall enter into a contract with the dentist and the DQAC to oversee the dentist's compliance with the requirements of the program.

(4) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program staff shall evaluate and recommend to the DQAC, on an individual basis, whether a dentist will be prohibited from engaging in the practice of dentistry for a period of time and restrictions, if any, on the dentist's access to controlled substances in the work place.

(5) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall maintain records on participants.

(6) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall be responsible for providing feedback to the dentist as to whether treatment progress is acceptable.

(7) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall report to the DQAC any dentist who fails to comply with the requirements of the physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program.

(8) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall provide the DQAC with a statistical report on the program, including progress of participants, at least annually, or more frequently as requested by the DQAC.

(9) The approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall receive from the DQAC guidelines on treatment, monitoring, and/or limitations on the practice of dentistry for those participating in the program.

(10) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall provide for the DQAC a complete financial breakdown of cost for each individual dental participant by usage at an interval determined by the DQAC in the annual contract.

(11) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall provide for the DQAC a complete annual audited financial statement.

(12) An approved physician health program or substance use disorder monitoring program shall enter into a written contract with the DQAC and submit monthly billing statements supported by documentation.

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