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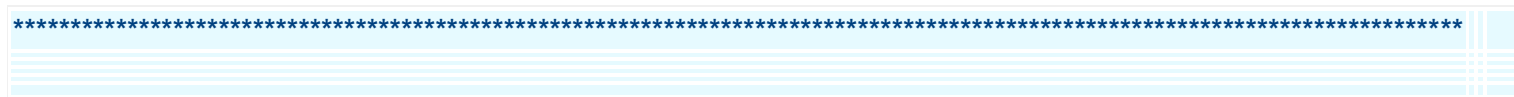
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**Summary**

Updated substance use language throughout. Added links to updated procedures.



**Substance Use Disorders - Assessment and Treatment Requirements for ABD, HEN Referral, and PWA**

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WAC 388-447-0120 -How does alcohol or drug dependence affect my eligibility for referral to the housing and essential needs (HEN) program?

WAC 388-449-0220 -How does alcohol or drug dependence affect my eligibility for the ABD cash and pregnant women assistance programs?

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**Clarifying Information**

1. When we have current objective information that indicates an ABD or HEN Referral recipient may have a substance use disorder that is material to the client's incapacitating or disabling condition(s), ABD and HEN Referral recipients must complete a chemical dependency substance use assessment as a condition of eligibility. Indications of a substance use disorder include, but are not limited to:
  - a. A diagnosis of a substance use disorder;
  - b. Signs of intoxication noted by a medical provider;
  - c. Medical or mental health chart notes indicating overuse or misuse of prescribed medication;
  - d. Recent legal problems associated with substance use (e.g. as reported by the client or documented via medical records); or
  - e. Statement from the client that their substance use is a barrier to employment
2. When we have current objective information that indicates a PWA recipient may have a substance use disorder, PWA recipients must complete a chemical dependency substance use assessment as a condition of eligibility.
- 2.3. If a current chemical dependency substance use assessment from a certified chemical dependency substance use disorder professional counselor indicates a need for treatment, ABD, HEN Referral, and PWA recipients must participate in recommended treatment as a condition of eligibility.
  - a. Chemical dependency Substance use assessments are valid for 6 months. Once a client is engaged in substance use treatment, it is not necessary to obtain a new chemical dependency assessment unless otherwise recommended by the client's treatment provider.
- 3.4. Good cause for ~~failure to not~~ completing a chemical dependency substance use assessment or treatment is limited to the following:
  - a. The recipient's physical or mental impairment(s) prevents them from participating based on a review of available objective medical evidence;
  - b. The outpatient substance use disorder treatment the recipient needs is not available in the county where they reside; or
  - c. The inpatient substance use disorder treatment the recipient needs is not available in an area they can reasonably access.
- 4.5. When a client ~~is terminated from's~~ ABD, HEN Referral, or PWA assistance is closed due to a failure to follow through with not completing an assessment or participating in treatment without good cause, the client remains ineligible until they take necessary steps (within their power) to ~~resolve their non-cooperation.~~ participate.
6. ~~The~~ Disability Specialists monitors support s assessment and treatment requirements for ABD, HEN Referral, ~~and PWA clients~~ clients. (See CSD Procedures Handbook: Substance Use Assessment and Treatment- ABD/ HEN Referral)
7. WorkFirst Social Services Specialists support ~~these~~ substance use requirements for PWA clients. (See CSD Procedures Handbook: Substance Use Assessment and Treatment- PWA). ~~(See CSD Procedures Handbook: Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment- ABD, HEN Referral, and PWA)~~

—Related Procedures (Staff Only)

- *Substance Use Assessment and Treatment (ABD/ HEN Referral)*
- *Substance Use Assessment and Treatment (PWA)*