



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCY (BHA)-
LICENSING, ATTESTATION, AND
DEEMING

Attestation for Substance Use Disorder (SUD) Services

- ❑ DOH agrees that an attestation process for SUD services should be an option
- ❑ The attestation process for SUD services could be the same as the attestation process for mental health (MH) services
- ❑ DOH will work with the tribes to draft a form that will allow for SUD services attestation

BHA Deeming

- ❑ DOH acknowledges the request from tribes to allow for deeming without first having to have an on-site review from the department
- ❑ DOH has reviewed Chapter 246-341 WAC to identify where the language requiring a DOH on-site review prior to deeming is located
- ❑ While the rule on deeming, *WAC 246-341-0310*, does not directly state that DOH must conduct an on-site review, the definition in *WAC 246-341-0200* states:

"Deemed" means a status that may be given to a **licensed behavioral health agency** as a result of the agency receiving accreditation by a recognized behavioral health accrediting body which has a current agreement with the department.

BHA Deeming

- ❑ Currently, in order to be a “licensed behavioral health agency” DOH conducts an on-site review as part of the licensing process
- ❑ In order to accommodate this request from the tribes revisions would need to be made to the WAC
- ❑ DOH has additional research to conduct on this topic

Attested and Deemed Equivalent to Licensed

- ❑ DOH acknowledges the request from tribes to have attestations and deeming result in a BHA license
- ❑ DOH has further research to conduct on this topic
- ❑ Outcome of this issue may impact resolution options for request related to deeming

Next Steps

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