

WAC 182-100-0100 Problem gambling and gambling disorder treatment services. (1) Under RCW 41.05.750, the Washington state health care authority (HCA) administers a program to:

(a) Prevent and treat problem gambling and gambling disorder; and

(b) Train professionals to identify and treat problem gambling issues and gambling disorders. Training must be administered by a qualified person who has training and experience in treatment services for people experiencing a problem gambling issue or gambling disorder.

(2) To be eligible to receive treatment under this program, a person must participate in a behavioral health assessment process under WAC 246-341-0610 to determine that the person:

(a) Has a problem gambling issue or gambling disorder;

(b) Wants treatment and is willing to do the work necessary to undergo treatment; and

(c) Is unable to afford treatment.

(3) Family members of a person who has a problem gambling issue or gambling disorder may be eligible to receive treatment if they are unable to afford treatment.

(4) Treatment under this section is available only to the extent of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available to HCA for this purpose.

(5) Problem gambling and gambling disorder treatment services include diagnostic screening and assessment, and individual, group, couples, and family counseling and case management.

(6) An agency providing problem gambling and gambling disorder services must meet the behavioral health agency licensure, certification, administration, personnel, clinical, and outpatient requirements in WAC 246-341-0754 and 246-341-0300 through 246-341-0650.

(7) Definitions for the purposes of this section only.

(a) "**Gambling disorder**" means a mental disorder as defined in the most current edition of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* and is characterized by loss of control over gambling, progression in preoccupation with gambling and in obtaining money to gamble, and continuation of gambling despite adverse consequences;

(b) "**Problem gambling**" means at-risk behavior that compromises, disrupts, or damages family or personal relationships, or vocational pursuits.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 41.05.021, 41.05.160, 2019 c 325, 2014 c 225, and 2018 c 201. WSR 19-24-063, § 182-100-0100, filed 11/27/19, effective 1/1/20.]