

WAC 246-817-801 Intent. It is the intent of the legislature that the DQAC seek ways to identify and support the rehabilitation of dentists where practice or competency may be impaired due to an applicable impairing or potentially impairing health condition. The legislature intends that these dentists be treated so that they can return to or continue to practice dentistry in a way which safeguards the public. The legislature specifically intends that the DQAC establish an alternate program to the traditional administrative proceedings against such dentists.

In lieu of disciplinary action under RCW 18.130.160 and if the DQAC determines that the unprofessional conduct may be the result of an applicable impairing or potentially impairing health condition, the DQAC may refer the license holder to a physician health program or a voluntary substance use disorder monitoring program approved by the DQAC.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.0365 and 2022 c 43. WSR 23-16-006, § 246-817-801, filed 7/19/23, effective 8/19/23. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.035. WSR 95-21-041, § 246-817-801, filed 10/10/95, effective 11/10/95.]