Chapter 19.410 RCW
PSILOCYBIN THERAPY SERVICES

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***Reviser's note:** RCW 71.05.020 does not define "psychiatric advanced practice registered nurse," but does define "psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner." The term "advanced registered nurse practitioner" was changed to "advanced practice registered nurse" by 2024 c 239 s 1, effective June 30, 2027.

Effective date—2025 c 58 ss 5058-5170: See note following RCW 7.68.030.

Explanatory note—2025 c 58: See note following RCW 1.16.050.

RCW 19.410.020 Adverse licensing action. Medical professionals licensed by the state of Washington shall not be subject to adverse licensing action for recommending psilocybin therapy services. [2023 c 364 s 9.]

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