

**WAC 246-817-976 Coprescribing of opioids for patients receiving medication assisted treatment.** (1) Where practicable, the dentist providing acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain treatment to a patient known to be receiving MAT shall prescribe opioids for pain relief either in consultation with the MAT prescribing practitioner or a pain specialist.

(2) A dentist shall not discontinue MAT medications when treating acute nonoperative pain or acute perioperative pain without documentation of the reason for doing so.

(3) A dentist shall not deny necessary operative intervention for use of these medications by a patient.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.32.002, 18.32.0365, 18.32.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 19-02-043, § 246-817-976, filed 12/26/18, effective 1/26/19.]