

**WAC 246-853-310 Approval of monitoring programs.** The board will approve the monitoring program to facilitate the recovery of osteopathic physicians. The board will enter into a contract with the monitoring program on an annual basis.

(1) A monitoring program may provide evaluations or treatment, or both to the participating osteopathic physicians.

(2) A monitoring program staff must have the qualifications and knowledge of both impairing health conditions and the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery as defined in chapter 18.57 RCW to be able to evaluate:

(a) Drug screening laboratories;

(b) Laboratory results;

(c) Providers of treatment for impairing health conditions, both individual and facilities;

(d) Osteopathic physician support groups;

(e) Osteopathic physicians' work environment; and

(f) The ability of the osteopathic physicians to practice with reasonable skill and safety.

(3) A monitoring program will enter into a contract with the osteopathic physician and the board to oversee the osteopathic physician's compliance with the requirement of the program.

(4) The program staff of the monitoring program will evaluate and recommend to the board, on an individual basis, whether an osteopathic physician will be prohibited from engaging in the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery for a period of time and restrictions, if any, on the osteopathic physician's access to controlled substances in the work place.

(5) A monitoring program shall maintain records on participants.

(6) A monitoring program will be responsible for providing feedback to the osteopathic physician as to whether treatment progress is acceptable.

(7) A monitoring program shall report to the board any osteopathic physician who fails to comply with the requirements of the monitoring program.

(8) A monitoring program shall provide the board with a statistical report on the program, including progress of participants, at least annually, or more frequently as requested by the board.

(9) The board shall provide the monitoring program guidelines on treatment, monitoring, or limitations on the practice of osteopathic medicine and surgery for those participating in the program.

(10) A monitoring program shall provide for the board a complete financial breakdown of cost for each individual osteopathic physician participant by usage at an interval determined by the board in the annual contract.

(11) A monitoring program shall provide for the board a complete annual audited financial statement.

(12) A monitoring program shall enter into a written contract with the board and submit monthly billing statements supported by documentation.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.57.005 and 2022 c 43. WSR 24-14-032, § 246-853-310, filed 6/25/24, effective 7/26/24. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.57.005 and 18.130.175. WSR 91-10-043 (Order 159B), § 246-853-310, filed 4/25/91, effective 5/26/91.]