

**WAC 246-915-300 Philosophy governing voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs.** The board recognizes the need to establish a means of proactively providing early recognition and treatment options for physical therapists and physical therapist assistants whose competency may be impaired due to the abuse of drugs or alcohol. The board intends that such physical therapists and physical therapist assistants be treated and their treatment monitored so that they can return to or continue to practice their profession in a way which safeguards the public. To accomplish this the board shall approve voluntary substance abuse monitoring programs. The Washington recovery and monitoring program (WRAMP) is the board's approved substance abuse monitoring program under RCW 18.130.175. The board may refer physical therapists and physical therapist assistants impaired by substance abuse to WRAMP as an alternative to instituting, or in connection with, disciplinary proceedings as defined in RCW 18.130.160.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.023 and chapter 18.74 RCW, RCW 18.340.020. WSR 18-15-067, § 246-915-300, filed 7/17/18, effective 8/17/18. Statutory Authority: RCW 18.74.023. WSR 08-17-026, § 246-915-300, filed 8/13/08, effective 8/13/08; WSR 91-14-006 (Order 178B), § 246-915-300, filed 6/21/91, effective 7/22/91.]