WAC 246-918-900  **Tapering considerations—Chronic pain.** The physician assistant shall consider tapering or referral for a substance use disorder evaluation when:

1. The patient requests;
2. The patient experiences a deterioration in function or pain;
3. The patient is noncompliant with the written agreement;
4. Other treatment modalities are indicated;
5. There is evidence of misuse, abuse, substance use disorder, or diversion;
6. The patient experiences a severe adverse event or overdose;
7. There is unauthorized escalation of doses; or
8. The patient is receiving an escalation in opioid dosage with no improvement in their pain or function.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 18.71.017, 18.71.800, 18.71A.800 and 2017 c 297. WSR 18-23-061, § 246-918-900, filed 11/16/18, effective 1/1/19.]