

# Information for DHS 35 Providers Pursuing DHS 75 Certification

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## Revised DHS 75 Questions, F-02897 (10/2021)

The Department of Health Services (DHS) welcomes your questions on the implementation of the revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 (Community Substance Use Services Standards). Please use this form to submit your question.

**1. Please enter your name \***

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# DHS 75 outpatient services – levels of care

- DHS 75.49 - Outpatient substance use treatment service
- DHS 75.50 - Outpatient integrated behavioral health treatment service (New)
- DHS 75.51 - Intensive outpatient treatment service (New)
- DHS 75.52 - Day treatment or partial hospitalization treatment service

# Identifying policies and procedures needed for DHS 75 certification

## **Subchapter I - General provisions**

DHS 75.03 Definitions

## **Subchapter II - Certifications**

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DHS 75.13 Waivers and variances

# Identifying policies and procedures needed for DHS 75 certification

## **Subchapter IV - Treatment service general requirements**

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DHS 75.18 General requirements for service staff

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## **Subchapter IV - Treatment service general requirements**

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DHS 75.22 Services for minors

DHS 75.23 Service levels of care

DHS 75.24 Service operations

DHS 75.25 Outcome monitoring and quality improvement plan

# Identifying policies and procedures needed for DHS 75 certification

## **Subchapter VI - Additional requirements for treatment service levels of care**

DHS 75.48 Service requirements by level of care tables

DHS 75.48(1) Establishes additional requirements for outpatient levels of care table

DHS 75.50 Outpatient integrated health treatment service

# DHS 75.48 (1) service requirements by level of care, outpatient

DHS 75.48 (1) Service requirements by level of care, outpatient				
	DHS 75.49 Outpatient Substance Use Treatment Service	DHS 75.50 Outpatient Integrated Behavioral Health Treatment Service	DHS 75.51 Intensive Outpatient Treatment Service	DHS 75.52 Day Treatment or Partial Hospitalization Treatment Service
(a) Adult services frequency requirements	Is less than 9 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	Is less than 9 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	At least 9 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 15 hours of treatment services per patient per week.</li> <li>2. At least one hour of individual counseling per week.</li> <li>3. The maximum amount of time between clinical services shall not exceed 72 hours in any 7-day period.</li> </ol>
(b) Minor services frequency requirements	Is less than 6 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	Is less than 6 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	At least 6 hours of treatment services per patient per week.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. At least 12 hours of treatment services per patient per week.</li> <li>2. At least one hour of individual counseling per week.</li> <li>3. The maximum amount of time between clinical services shall not exceed 72 hours in any 7-day period.</li> </ol>
(c) Service director requirements				Service director or an identified designee must be available on-site during the hours of operation of clinical services.



# DHS 75.48 (1) service requirements by level of care, outpatient

DHS 75.48 (1) Service requirements by level of care, outpatient (Continued)				
	DHS 75.49 Outpatient Substance Use Treatment Service	DHS 75.50 Outpatient Integrated Behavioral Health Treatment Service	DHS 75.51 Intensive Outpatient Treatment Service	DHS 75.52 Day Treatment or Partial Hospitalization Treatment Service
(d) Medical director requirements			Required either as an employee of the service or through a written agreement to provide medical oversight and consultation regarding clinical operations of the service.	Required either as an employee of the service or through a written agreement to provide medical oversight and consultation regarding clinical operations of the service.
(e) Substance abuse counselor requirements			Required to be available on-site during the hours of on-site operation of clinical services.	Required to be available on-site during the hours of on-site operation of clinical services.
(f) Mental health professional requirements		Required to be available during the hours of operation of clinical services.	Required either as an employee of the service or through a written agreement, to provide coordinated and concurrent services for the treatment of patients with co-occurring mental health disorders.	Required to be available during the hours of operation of clinical services.
(g) Additional personnel requirements				Requires at least one full-time counselor for every 15 patients enrolled in the service.

# DHS 75.48 (1) service requirements by level of care, outpatient

(h) Assessment completion	Required by the third appointment.	Required by the third appointment.	Required by the third appointment.	Required by the third appointment.
(i) Use of prior assessment	For returning patients, an assessment update shall be completed if 90 days have passed since the initial assessment. If one year has passed, a new comprehensive assessment is required.	For returning patients, an assessment update shall be completed if 90 days have passed since the initial comprehensive assessment. If one year has passed, a new comprehensive assessment is required.	For returning patients, an assessment update shall be completed if 90 days have passed since the initial comprehensive assessment. If six months have passed, a new comprehensive assessment is required.	1. A new assessment, less than 30 days old, is required for each admission. 2. If a comprehensive assessment has been conducted by a referring substance use treatment provider and is less than 30 days old, the assessment may be utilized.
(j) Updated assessment, continuously enrolled patients	An assessment update shall be completed not less than once per year.	An assessment update shall be completed not less than once per year.	An assessment update shall be completed not less than once per year.	
(k) Intake completion	Required by the end of the session following the assessment.	Required by the end of the session following the assessment.	Required by the end of the session following the assessment.	Required by the end of the session following the assessment.
(L) Treatment plan completion	Required before the second session following the assessment.	Required before the second session following the assessment.	Required before the second session following the assessment.	Required before the second session following the assessment.
(m) Treatment plan review frequency	Required every 90 days or 6 treatment sessions, whichever is longer, unless there is a clinical reason to review more frequently.	Required every 90 days or 6 treatment sessions, whichever is longer, unless there is a clinical reason to review more frequently.	Required every 14 days, unless there is a clinical reason to review more frequently.	Required every 14 days, unless there is a clinical reason to review more frequently.
(n) Clinical staffing			Required every 14 days for each patient.	Required every 14 days for each patient.

# DHS 75.50 outpatient integrated behavioral health treatment service – service description

This is a non-residential treatment service totaling less than nine hours of treatment services per patient per week for adults, and less than six hours of treatment services per patient per week for minors, in which substance use and mental health treatment personnel provide screening, assessment, and treatment for substance use and mental health disorders. Patients in this setting may receive treatment services for a substance use disorder, a mental health disorder, or both. Outpatient integrated behavioral health treatment services may include intake, evaluation and diagnosis, medication management, nursing services, case management, drug testing, counseling, individual therapy, group therapy, family therapy, psychoeducation, vocational services, peer support services, recovery coaching, outreach activities, and recovery support services to ameliorate symptoms and restore effective functioning.

# DHS 75.50 outpatient integrated behavioral health treatment service

- This is a new level of care.
- It promotes integrated services for substance use and mental health
- It less than nine hours of treatment services per adult patient per week.
- It is less than six hours of treatment services per minor patient per week.
- It requires a mental health professional to be available during hours of operation of clinical services.
- There is no medical director requirement.

# Training resources

- [DHS conferences/events related to opioids/substance use](#)
- [Wisconsin Connect](#)
- [UW-Madison Continuing Studies/UW Flexible Option: Online Substance Use Disorders Certificate Program](#)
- [National Association of Social Workers-Wisconsin Chapter](#)
- [NAADAC \(Association for Addiction Professionals\)](#)

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Revised DHS 75 Implementation

## Revised DHS 75 Implementation

### Building a better system of care for substance use services

The revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 took effect October 1, 2022. This administrative rule sets the minimum standards for substance use prevention, intervention, and treatment services delivered across a variety of settings and levels of care.

[View the text of the revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75](#)

The revised Wis. Admin Code ch. DHS 75 is the product of years of partner and provider engagement and advocacy to ensure that DHS administrative rules reflect evidence-based practices and support advancement in patient care. This revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 puts the health and well-being of people receiving services for substance use first while easing provider requirements to support greater access to substance use services throughout the state.

DHS staff have been providing guidance for the revised regulations since October 2021. Staff continue

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