

Behavioral Health Administration

Fact Sheet: Integrating ITA for mental health and chemical dependency (HB 1713)

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Overview	Effective April 1, 2018 the mental health and chemical dependency Involuntary treatment systems for adults and children will be combined into one system based on the current mental health Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA). Individuals who meet criteria for involuntary treatment due to substance use will be detained to a secure detoxification treatment facility; individuals who meet criteria for involuntary treatment due to mental health symptoms will be detained to an evaluation and treatment facility or psychiatric hospital.
	Detentions and commitments for substance use will meet the same criteria and time frames as detention and commitment for mental health, and will also be subject to the right to accept voluntary treatment, commitment and revocation on less restrictive alternative orders, and court process.
Eligibility Requirements	ITA services may be initiated to anyone within the state who manifests mental health or chemical dependency behaviors and symptoms which suggest the individual is at risk for harm to self or others or who could be considered gravely disabled without a mandatory treatment intervention. Until July 1, 2026, an individual may not be detained due to a substance use disorder if there is not available space in a secure detoxification facility or approved treatment program for them.
Authority	Adults RCW 71.05Minors RCW 71.34
Budget	\$623,000 Total funds; \$438,000 GF-State. The 2017-19 agency request budget includes two decision packages: 1) to fund the capital for the facilities and 2) to fund the operating costs once the facilities are operational.
Rates	Proposed daily rate in the decision package requests \$440 a day.
Costs and Numbers Served	When facilities are fully operational, it is anticipated that each facility will serve 5,840 clients per year.
Partners	DBHR contracts with Great Rivers, Greater Columbia, King, North Central, North Sound, Optum Health; Pierce, Behavioral Health Organization, Salish, Spokane, and Thurston Mason Behavioral Health Organizations, and Health Care Authority for the Southwest Washington Region to manage the ITA services in their region. DBHR also collaborates with counties, treatment providers, drug courts, tribes and other state partners to ensure referral to the overall ITA and treatment service delivery system.



Oversight	BHOs, community behavioral health agencies, community substance use treatment providers, law enforcement, community hospitals, first responders, county prosecutor's office, Washington Association of Designated Mental Health Professionals, public defenders, Washington State Superior Courts
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