

**WAC 388-865-0526 Single bed certification.** At the discretion of the mental health division, an exception may be granted to allow treatment to an adult on a seventy-two hour detention or fourteen-day commitment in a facility that is not certified under WAC 388-865-0500; or for a maximum of thirty days to allow a community facility to provide treatment to an adult on a ninety- or one hundred eighty-day inpatient involuntary commitment order. For involuntarily detained or committed children, the exception may be granted to allow treatment in a facility not certified under WAC 388-865-0500 until the child's discharge from that setting to the community, or until they transfer to a bed in a children's long-term inpatient program (CLIP).

(1) The regional support network or its designee must submit a written request for a single bed certification to the mental health division prior to the commencement of the order. In the case of a child, the facility must submit the written request directly to the mental health division. If the DSHS secretary has assumed the duties assigned to a nonparticipating regional support network, a single bed certification may be requested by a mental health division designee contracted to provide inpatient authorization or designated crisis response services.

(2) The facility receiving the single bed certification must meet all requirements of this section unless specifically waived by the mental health division.

(3) The request for single bed certification must describe why the consumer meets at least one of the following criteria:

(a) The consumer requires services that are not available at a facility certified under this chapter or a state psychiatric hospital; or

(b) The consumer is expected to be ready for discharge from inpatient services within the next thirty days and being at a community facility would facilitate continuity of care, consistent with the consumer's individual treatment needs((-)) ; or

(c) The consumer can receive appropriate evaluation and treatment in a residential treatment facility, as defined under chapter 246-337 WAC and the certification will be only to such a residential facility.

(4) The mental health division director or the director's designee makes the decision and gives written notification to the requesting entity in the form of a single bed certification. The single bed certification must not contradict a specific provision of federal law or state statute.

(5) The mental health division may make site visits at any time to verify that the terms of the single bed certification are being met. Failure to comply with any term of this exception may result in corrective action. If the mental health division determines that the violation places consumers in imminent jeopardy, immediate revocation of this exception can occur.

(6) Neither consumers nor facilities have fair hearing rights as defined under chapter 388-02 WAC regarding single bed certification decisions by mental health division staff.