



# RULE-MAKING ORDER

**CR-103E (July 2011)**  
**(Implements RCW 34.05.350)**

**Agency:** Department of Social and Health Services, Behavioral Health and Service Integration Administration

**Emergency Rule Only**

**Effective date of rule:**

**Emergency Rules**

- Immediately upon filing.
- Later (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

**Any other findings required by other provisions of law as precondition to adoption or effectiveness of rule?**

- Yes
  - No
- If Yes, explain:

**Purpose:** The department is amending WAC 388-865-0526 as a result of the Washington Supreme Court decision in *In re the Detention of D.W., et.al.*, No. 90110-4. This section contains the department's rules for single bed certification which allows for the inpatient treatment of adults and children in facilities that are not certified as inpatient evaluation and treatment facilities. The amendment: (1) allows residential treatment facilities, psychiatric hospitals, hospitals with a psychiatric unit, and hospitals that can provide psychiatric services to be recognized for single bed certification; (2) requires that any facility which is the site of a proposed single bed certification confirm that it is willing to provide treatment services; and (3) clarifies that the regional support networks retain responsibility for ensuring that the rights of patients are protected while in single bed certifications.

**Citation of existing rules affected by this order:**

Repealed:  
 Amended: WAC 388-865-0526  
 Suspended:

**Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 71.05.560, 71.24.035, and 71.34.380**

**Other authority : NA**

**EMERGENCY RULE**

Under RCW 34.05.350 the agency for good cause finds:

- That immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule is necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety, or general welfare, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the public interest.
- That state or federal law or federal rule or a federal deadline for state receipt of federal funds requires immediate adoption of a rule.
- That in order to implement the requirements or reductions in appropriations enacted in any budget for fiscal year 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013, which necessitates the need for the immediate adoption, amendment, or repeal of a rule, and that observing the time requirements of notice and opportunity to comment upon adoption of a permanent rule would be contrary to the fiscal needs or requirements of the agency.

Reasons for this finding: The Washington Supreme Court agreed to stay its decision until December 26, 2014, upon assurances from the department that more inpatient bed capacity would be found. The emergency rule allows for certain appropriate consumers to be certified to facilities that they previously would not have been able to, thus creating new bed opportunities and preventing the inappropriate release of consumers who need involuntary mental health treatment. This emergency rule supersedes the emergency rule filed as WSR 14-17-011 on August 07, 2014. The department is in the process of filing a CR-101 for the permanent rule.

**Date adopted:**  
September 18, 2014

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No descriptive text.**

**Count by whole WAC sections only, from the WAC number through the history note.  
A section may be counted in more than one category.**

**The number of sections adopted in order to comply with:**

<b>Federal statute:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Federal rules or standards:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Recently enacted state statutes:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____

**The number of sections adopted at the request of a nongovernmental entity:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in the agency's own initiative:**

New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted in order to clarify, streamline, or reform agency procedures:**

New	_____	Amended	<u>01</u>	Repealed	_____
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**The number of sections adopted using:**

<b>Negotiated rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Pilot rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	_____	Repealed	_____
<b>Other alternative rule making:</b>	New	_____	Amended	<u>01</u>	Repealed	_____

**WAC 388-865-0526 Single bed certification.** At the discretion of the ~~((mental health division))~~ department, 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))~~ department. In the case of a child, the facility must submit the written request ~~((directly))~~ to the ~~((mental health division))~~ department. The request must be submitted and approved prior to the commencement of the detention. If the ~~((DSHS secretary))~~ department 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))~~ an entity designated by the department will perform the functions described in this section.

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

(3) A single bed certification may be issued when the following requirements are met in each instance where such certification is sought for an individual:

(a) The facility that is the site of the proposed single bed certification confirms that it is willing to provide directly, or by direct arrangement with other public or private agencies, treatment to the consumer suffering from a mental disorder for whom the single bed certification is sought; and

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

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

~~((b))~~ (ii) 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))~~ ;

(iii) 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 that facility; or

(iv) The consumer can receive appropriate evaluation and treatment in a hospital with a psychiatric unit, a hospital that can provide psychiatric services, or a psychiatric hospital, and the certification will be only to that facility.

(4) The ~~((mental health division director or the director's designee))~~ department 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~~) department 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~~) department determines that the violation places consumers in imminent jeopardy, immediate revocation of this exception can occur.

(6) The regional support network retains the responsibility for ensuring due process required by RCW 71.24.300(6)(b).

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