

Wisconsin Administrative Code DHS 75.24(7) Revisions: Tobacco Treatment and Smoke Free Policies

What is Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75?

Established in 2000, the Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 sets the minimum standards for community substance use prevention, intervention, and treatment services delivered across a variety of settings and levels of care to provide a full continuum of substance use services to Wisconsin residents.

Why was Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 revised?

The revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 will take effect on October 1, 2022. The revision updates language to reflect best practices for behavioral health care, increases flexibility for providers, and reduces unnecessary barriers to the delivery of substance use prevention and treatment services.

To whom does Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 apply?

The rule applies to all substance use prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery services certified under Wisconsin Administrative Code chapter DHS 75.

What are the new requirements of Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75.24(7) regarding tobacco?

The revised Wis. Admin. Code ch. DHS 75 requires all programs certified under the rule to have a written policy outlining the service's approach to assessment and treatment for concurrent tobacco use disorders AND the facility's policy regarding a smoke-free environment.

Why were service requirements for tobacco updated in Wis. Admin Code ch. DHS 75?

Nicotine is an addictive substance found in tobacco and vaping products, which are used by many people entering treatment for a substance use disorder. Tobacco-related diseases are the leading cause of death among people treated for substance use disorders. In addition, tobacco use is known to increase the risk of alcohol and drug use relapse. The rule revision seeks to address the disproportionate impact tobacco products have on the physical health and recovery of those in substance use disorder treatment. The benefits of treating tobacco dependence and implementing a smoke-free policy are substantial, including improving chances of long-term recovery from all substances, improving mental health treatment outcomes, reinforcing an integrated, whole-health approach within treatment services, and de-normalizing tobacco use within the substance use disorder treatment services system.

What resources are available to assist DHS 75 providers?



[HelpUsQuit.Org](https://www.helpusquit.org)
Resources and toolkits



[The Bucket Approach Training](https://www.bucketapproach.org)
Tailored training



[Cliniciantraining.org](https://www.cliniciantraining.org)
Free technical assistance

Visit the [Revised DHS 75 Implementation page](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/rules/dhs75-implementation.htm) for questions on the rule and updates on DHS 75:
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