How To Gain Access Into Treatment Services In Whatcom County

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Congrats on your first step to a new way of life! It can be a difficult decision to stop drinking or using drugs. My goal is to simplify the steps to get professional help.



Do You Have Private Heath Insurance?



Call the customer service number on the back of your insurance card for specific information on health benefits and list approved treatment providers. Each HMO has their own requirements.

Do you have Group Health Insurance?



Call Dr. Christopher Portman at 733-4502

http://chrisportmanphd.homestead.com/index.html

to schedule an appointment for a confidential chemical dependency assessment.

Do You Have Medical Coupon, Medicare and Medicaid?







You can call any of these providers to schedule an assessment:

Catholic Community Services 515 Lakeway Drive Bellingham, WA 98225 676-2187

Sea Mar Counseling* 4455 Cordata Parkway Bellingham, WA 98226 734-5458 Westcoast Counseling 1200 Dupont St. Suite 1 Bellingham, WA 98225

^{*}Spanish speaking counselors

What If You Don't Have Health Insurance?



Don't worry. . . You Still Have Options.

The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Treatment and Support Program

You may qualify for the ADATSA program if:

- 1. Over 18 years old
- 2. Haven't worked in the last thirty days
- 3. Resident of Washington State
- 4. Chemically dependant
- 5. Legal citizen

What Does ADATSA Program Pay For?

- •Inpatient treatment services
- •Outpatient treatment services
- •Long-term care resident care
- •Two months of clean and sober housing
- •Medical Insurance

How To Apply For ADATSA Program:



You can either apply in person at Department of Health and Human Services Office 4101 Meridian St Bellingham, WA 98225

You can also apply online at

What if You Don't Qualify for the ADATSA program and lack health insurance?



Catholic Community Services has a sliding scale for outpatient treatment services based on income. Call CCS at 676-2187 today.

Native Health



If you are an enrolled tribal member, call Lummi Care at 384-2323 to schedule an assessment. Lummi Care provides culturally appropriate treatment services. Lummi Care is located at 2592 Kwina Road, Bellingham WA 98225. Their website is

If you're a Veteran...



If you were received an honorable or medical discharge, you may qualify for American Lake Treatment Center. Call 800-329-8387 for information. If you are homeless, call Gary Dolan at 360-255-2091 for services.

Sometimes Waiting for Inpatient Treatment Bed Date Can Be Difficult...



Westcoast Counseling provides a <u>FREE</u> pre-treatment group on Mondays at 1 Pm on 1200 Dupont street.

12 Step Program Hotlines



Alcoholic Anonymous – (800) 723-1923

Narcotics Anonymous - 647-3234

Cocaine Anonymous - (800) 723-1923