

OPWDD ASSESSMENT OF PUBLIC COMMENT
Clinic Treatment Service Locations and Independent Practitioner Services for
Individuals with Developmental Disabilities (IPSIDD)

This document contains responses to public comments submitted during the public comment period for revised proposed regulations concerning clinic treatment service locations and IPSIDD.

Comment: A commenter sought clarification on paragraph 679.99(t)(4) of the revised proposed regulation concerning services provided at satellite clinics. The commenter stated that the language seems to imply that any individual who has a need for the services provided at the clinic must be accommodated upon their request.

Response: The revised proposed regulation in paragraph 679.99(t)(4) states: "Services delivered at a satellite site must be available, by appointment, to any individual who is eligible to receive such services."

The regulations provides that services at the satellite clinic location are available to any individual who is eligible to receive services at a clinic pursuant to Part 679 regulations, including individuals with a developmental disability, and individuals without a developmental disability, who meet specified criteria in paragraph 679.3(u) of the regulations. Many satellite clinics are established at locations co-located with other OPWDD programs/services (most frequently day habilitation programs). The provision clarifies, consistent with current practice, that services at a satellite clinic location must not be limited to individuals receiving services at a co-located program. The satellite must be willing and able to serve other individuals who may need services, who do not receive services at a co-located program. Clinic services are available by appointment only.