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Section 844 IAC 5-6-4 - Evaluation and risk stratification by physician

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(a) The physician shall do the physician's own evaluation and risk stratification of the patient by doing the following in the initial evaluation of the patient:

(1) Performing an appropriately focused history and physical exam and obtain or order appropriate tests, as indicated.

(2) Making a diligent effort to obtain and review records from previous health care providers to supplement the physician's understanding of the patient's chronic pain problem, including past treatments, and documenting this effort.

- (3) Asking the patient to complete an objective pain assessment tool to document and better understand the patient's specific pain concerns.
- (4) Assessing both the patient's mental health status and risk for substance abuse using available validated screening tools.
- (5) After completing the initial evaluation, establishing a working diagnosis and tailoring a treatment plan to meaningful and functional goals with the patient reviewing them from time to time.
- (b) Where medically appropriate, the physician shall utilize nonopioid options instead of or in addition to prescribing opioids.

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