

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you suspect a licensed Allied Professional of abusing drugs or alcohol please refer them to the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program (APPA).

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ALLIED PROFESSIONS

Anesthesiologist Assistants
Athletic Trainers
Dietitians
Occupational Therapists
Orthotists/Prosthetists
Podiatrists
Physical Therapists
Radiologist Assistants
Registered Electrologists
Respiratory Care Practitioners
Therapeutic Recreation Specialists

Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program (APPA)



A confidential program to assist allied professionals licensed by the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision whose competency may be compromised because of the abuse of drugs or alcohol.

The Oklahoma Legislature passed a bill that established the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program, to rehabilitate allied medical professionals whose competency may be compromised because of the abuse of drugs or alcohol, so that such allied medical professionals can be treated and return to or continue their practice in a manner which will benefit the public. The program is under the supervision and control of the Oklahoma State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision (Board).



CONFIDENTIALITY

All records of the professionals enrolled in the Allied Professional Peer Assistance Program are maintained in the program office in a place separate and apart from the records of the Board. The records shall be made public only by subpoena and court order; provided however, confidential

treatment shall be cancelled upon default by the professional in complying with the requirements of the program.

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for acceptance into the program requires the professional to voluntarily submit an application for participation; to have a current unrestricted license issued by the Board; and currently reside in Oklahoma. Professionals previously disciplined by the Board shall be ineligible unless referred to the program by the Board.

Participants shall be required to sign a Contract, comply with a Treatment Plan and be responsible for the financial costs of participation. Failure to comply with the terms of the Contract/Treatment Plan or if the participant has become unsafe to practice, the participant shall be discharged from the program and

reported to the Executive Director of the Board. The Executive Director shall suspend the license immediately upon notification of the discharge.



TREATMENT

Emphasis will be placed on intensive outpatient treatment whenever possible, to allow the professional to continue to practice, as well as counseling, AA/NA meetings and random drug screens. We utilize **Affinity eHealth** for the drug screens and participants are required to check in seven days a week. Affinity eHealth is also utilized by the Oklahoma Health Professionals Program.