Certification Extension Request

State Certification Extension Request Information

Occasionally programs or providers may need to request an extension for state certification. Examples of this situation typically include coordination with a national accreditation organization (e.g. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Joint Commission) surrounding on-site survey and subsequent reporting time frames, or a situation in which timely submission of a renewal application has been interrupted due to unforeseen circumstances (subject to Division approval). To request an extension, the provider will submit a written request, via email is acceptable, to the Certification Program Manager. The request must state the reason for the extension request and to what date an extension request is desired. Requests for extension of certification are subject to Division review and approval.

Screening and Assessment

Wyoming Rules and Regulations for Substance Abuse Standards and NAADAC Code of Ethics

Per Wyoming Rules and Regulations for Substance Abuse Standards, Chapter 4, Section 6 (b), “Assessments can only be completed by a qualified clinical staff person who is credentialed through the Wyoming Mental Health Professions Licensing Board established under the provisions of W.S. § 33-38-101, et seq., a psychologist who is licensed to practice psychology, pursuant to W.S. § 33-27-113(a)(v), a Licensed Physician by the Wyoming State Board of Medicine, and a Wyoming Advanced Psychiatric Nurse.” NAADAC: The Association for Addiction Professionals, Code of Ethics, Principle V-7 (2016, p. 13), states, “Addiction Professionals shall provide proper diagnosis of mental health and substance use disorders, within their scope and licensure. Assessment techniques used to determine client placement for care shall be carefully selected and appropriately used.”
Wyoming Business Council
Local Business Licensing

Legal requirements in the Wyoming Rules and Regulations for Substance Abuse Standards, Chapter 2, Section 2 (f) (i & ii) specifies, “The program will ensure that all its program(s), facilities, and services comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, regulations, codes and ordinances.” And, “The program will obtain a local business license from the city or county if required.” For all questions regarding business license requirements, please contact the Wyoming Business Council’s Business Permit Program Manager, Paul Howard. His phone number is: 307.777.2843. The Business Council’s website is: http://www.wyomingbusiness.org/content/licensing-and-permitting.

Please feel free to share this newsletter with providers or programs who are new to the substance abuse counseling profession or may be preparing to apply for state certification for the first time. If you plan to expand your state certified business, or relocate, please ensure any local business permitting and/or licensing requirements in the new location are fulfilled. If a local business license from the city or county is not required for the location, please obtain written notification from the city or county stating such.

Build up Your Teen Treatment IQ
Evidence-based Prevention and Treatment for Youth

The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) and NIATx (formerly known as the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment, but now known simply as NIATx) are promoting a project called “Build Up Your Teen Treatment IQ”. This project offers regular webinars on evidence-based practices and prevention and treatment approaches to use when working with adolescents. Please visit: http://attcnetwork.org/projects/teentxiq.aspx. All webinars are recorded and available for viewing at any time. The campaign is based on the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) publication: Principles of Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Research-Based Guide (2014). The Teen Treatment IQ (TTIQ) campaign is designed to address drug abuse and the particular treatment needs of youth.

Professional Development and Staff Training
Resource Information Available on the Certification Website

Online links for substance use disorder provider learning opportunities may be accessed at any time on the Wyoming Department of Health’s MHSA Certification Program website found at: https://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/. Please click on the plus sign “+” in the brown box entitled “DUI/MIP and Substance Use Provider Education”. Below the DUI/MIP information, providers will see information outlining substance use treatment provider learning opportunities as follows:

- Center for the Application for Substance Abuse Technologies – CASAT: https://training.casat.org/products
- Addiction Technology Transfer Center Network – ATTC: http://attcnetwork.org/regional-centers/?rc=centralrockies
**Information Management for Providers (IMPROV)**

Most Up-to-date Certification Guidance and Electronic Application Information

Please visit: [http://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/](http://health.wyo.gov/behavioralhealth/mhsa/certification/) regularly for the most up-to-date new and renewal applicant certification guidance information. Per current rule, the Division has 60 days to review fully completed (all documents submitted) applications. Although it often does not take this long, please plan ahead accordingly to **have the online application completed two months ahead** of the expiration date and or the time a provider plans to provide treatment services.

Current, state-certified providers can be found on the public listing (kept in real time with IMPROV) at:


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**Please feel free to contact the Certification Program Manager with any concerns or questions and visit:**


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