

Board of Registered Nursing

Final Language

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ARTICLE 4.1

~~Diversion~~ Intervention Program Guidelines

1446. Definitions.

As used in this article:

- (a) "Program" means the alcohol and drug abuse and mental illness ~~diversion~~ intervention program for registered nurses authorized pursuant to Article 3.1 (commencing with Section 2770) of Chapter 6 of Division 2 of the Business and Professions Code.
- (b) "Committee" means ~~diversion~~ intervention evaluation committee consisting of the following members: Three registered nurses, one physician and one public member all of whom have expertise in the area of chemical dependency.
- (c) "Board" means Board of Registered Nursing.

Note: Authority cited: Section 2715, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Sections 2770.1 and 2770.2, Business and Professions Code.

1447. Criteria for Admission.

An applicant shall meet the following criteria for admission to the program:

- (a) Is a registered nurse licensed in this state.
- (b) Resides in California.
- (c) Is mentally ill or abuses alcohol and/or drugs in a manner which may affect the applicant's ability to safely perform the duties of a registered nurse.
- (d) Voluntarily requests admission to the program.
- (e) Agrees to undergo reasonable medical and/or psychiatric examinations necessary for evaluation for participation in the program.
- (f) Cooperates by providing such medical information, disclosure authorizations and releases of liability as may be requested by the committee.
- (g) Agrees in writing to comply with all elements of the ~~diversion~~ intervention program.
- (h) Has not had her/his license previously disciplined by the Board for substance abuse or mental illness.
- (i) Has not been terminated from this or any other ~~diversion~~ intervention program for non-compliance.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 2715 and 2770.7, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2770.7, Business and Professions Code.

1447.1. Procedure for Review of Applicants.

The following procedures shall be used to review applicants for admission to the program:

- (a) The program director and a nurse or physician consultant shall interview each applicant. They shall recommend such medical and/or psychiatric examinations as may be necessary to determine the applicant's eligibility for the program and shall request such other information, authorizations and releases as may be necessary for participation in the program. The D~~I~~EC shall advise the applicant that the applicant is responsible for costs incurred for the examinations and rehabilitation aspects of the program.
- (b) The program director and the nurse or physician consultant shall each make a recommendation to the committee as to whether the applicant should be admitted to the program.
- (c) The committee shall review each application and make its decision on admission of the applicant based upon its evaluation and the recommendations from the program director and the nurse or physician consultant.
- (d) The committee's decision on admission of an applicant shall be final.

Note: Authority cited: Sections 2715 and 2770.7, Business and Professions Code. Reference: Section 2770.7, Business and Professions Code.

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