

CONSENT FOR SERVICE

The Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program (Program) provides assistance to physicians and other allied health professionals certified or licensed by the Maryland Board of Physicians (Board), with problems such as alcohol abuse, chemical dependency, or other physical, emotional, or mental health conditions that may affect their ability to practice medicine safely. The purpose of the Program is to assist participants and monitor their adherence to the rehabilitation requirements set forth in their Board Order or Disposition Agreement.

Participants have been directed in writing by the Board to receive rehabilitation services in the Program. Participants in the Program have already been adjudicated and have either signed a **Board Order**, “a formal, public, written decision of the Board,” or a **Disposition Agreement**, “a formal written nonpublic agreement entered into between the Board and a physician or allied health professional, by which the physician or allied health professional agrees to comply with specified conditions so that the Board will forego further investigation into a matter based on compliance with those conditions.”

There are some conditions, terms and events set forth in the Program’s Rehabilitation Agreement and Plan that are considered “reportable events.” These events, without exception, will be reported to the Board. The Board has sole discretion to declare such events as “non-compliant.” The following are examples of a reportable event:

- a) One missed appointment for a scheduled chemical screen, regardless of the reason or excuse given;
- b) One positive chemical screen and/or failure to submit to a chemical screen when notified;
- c) One failure or refusal to go for recommended/required treatment, attend a scheduled meeting with the case manager or other staff of the Rehabilitation Program, keep a scheduled appointment with a psychiatrist, psychotherapist, or other health care provider or employer;
- d) One failure or refusal to attend a required group therapy session or any other required meeting of outside organizations, regardless of the reason or excuse given by the participant;
- e) Failure or refusal to provide any information or sign the appropriate releases for the Rehabilitation Program to receive records or information from third parties about the participant’s inpatient or outpatient treatment, or attendance at any scheduled appointment or meeting with a psychiatrist, psychotherapist, or any other health care provider, and fellowship meetings;
- f) A report from any hospital, facility, or employer indicating that the participant is a danger to self or others or that action has been taken against the participant’s privileges to practice medicine;
- g) The participant’s being the subject of any disciplinary actions or investigations related to chemical dependence, quality of medical care rendered, or ability to practice medicine competently by a hospital or health care facility where the participant has privileges or provides medical care;
- h) Quitting the Program before the Rehabilitation Agreement has been completed; or

- i) Failure to cooperate with the Rehabilitation Program, to include, meeting with Program staff, undergo an evaluation as directed by the Rehabilitation Program, and entering into an Rehabilitation Agreement and Plan as recommended by the Rehabilitation Program after a referral by the Board.

The Program provides the following services:

- Assesses and refers for a clinically appropriate independent evaluation,
- Develops an individualized rehabilitation plan,
- Refers for treatment of the diagnosed problem to a clinically appropriate provider,
- Monitors adherence to the rehabilitation agreement and plan and on-going treatment, including, if needed, chemical screening of urine, breath, or blood; attendance at scheduled medical/therapy appointments, vocational monitor reports or other reports.

*The **Maryland Professional Rehabilitation Program** is independent of the Maryland Board of Physicians. The Program has been contracted by the Board to provide rehabilitation services. Participants are referred to the Program by the Board following adjudication that the practitioner shall enter a designated rehabilitation program. Federal Confidentiality Regulations (42 CFR part 2) apply, and Federal and state laws ensure the confidentiality of practitioners referred to the Program. Exceptions to confidentiality include evidence of imminent harm to self or others through good-faith assessment by program staff, life threatening medical emergencies, court-ordered disclosures, and the State of Maryland mandated reporting requirements regarding child abuse and neglect.*

By signing this Consent For Services and the requisite Consent to Disclose Information to the Maryland Board of Physicians, your case file, including any and all drug and alcohol and psychiatric/psychological/medical records, and any other related records, files, or information regarding your participation in the Program, will be released to the Maryland Board of Physicians for the purpose of communicating and reporting to the Board written and verbal information about your progress, recovery, and adherence with your Rehabilitation Agreement and Plan, and Board Order or Disposition Agreement. The records forwarded to the Board may be used by the Board in assessing non-compliance with your Board Order or Disposition Agreement.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Case Manager

Date