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TO: County Alcohol & Drug Program Administrators and Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Treatment Providers

SUBJECT: Requirement for Certification for Individuals Providing Counseling Services in AOD Programs Licensed and/or Certified by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP)

The purpose of this notice is to remind all AOD Programs Licensed and/or Certified by ADP of the April 1, 2010 effective date for counselor staffing requirements.

Section 13010, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8, Subchapter 2, California Code of Regulations requires that:

By April 1, 2010, at least thirty percent (30%) of staff providing counseling services in all AOD Programs Licensed and/or Certified by ADP shall be licensed or certified pursuant to the requirements of this Chapter. All other counseling staff shall be registered pursuant to Section 13035(f).

- ❖ Licensed professionals may include: LCSW, MFT, Licensed Psychologist, Physician, or registered Intern, as specified in Section 13015.
- ❖ All non-licensed and non-certified individuals providing counseling in an AOD program licensed and/or certified by ADP shall be registered to obtain certification as an AOD counselor with one of the certifying organizations currently approved by ADP.
- ❖ Registrants shall complete certification as an AOD counselor within five (5) years of the date of registration. An individual who has not completed certification within the five year time period may not be an AOD counselor at any AOD program licensed and/or certified by ADP.
- ❖ Effective April 1, 2010, any AOD program licensed and/or certified by ADP that allows less than 30% licensed professionals and/or certified counselors will be cited by ADP for non-compliance with Section 13010.
- ❖ An AOD program licensed and/or certified by ADP that allows an individual to provide services as an AOD counselor that is not a licensed professional, certified AOD counselor or has exceeded the five-year time limit as a registrant is out of compliance and will receive a deficiency citation from ADP.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Counselor Certification Unit, Program Compliance Branch, Licensing and Certification Division, at (916) 324-2470.



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