

Health Professionals' Services Program

Program Guidelines

Title: Minimum Standards for Evaluators

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Guideline:

1 Evaluators must be qualified as determined by the Oregon Health Authority Integrated Services and
2 Support Rules (OAR 309-032-1500 - 309-032-1565) to conduct both mental health and substance
3 disorder assessments to determine the appropriate treatment recommendations.
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5 The assessment must obtain all pertinent bio-psycho-social information as identified by the licensee,
6 family and collateral sources for the purpose of determining a diagnosis and to plan individualized
7 treatment recommendations.
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9 For substance disorder assessments, the evaluator must use the ASAM PPC-2R (American Society of
10 Addiction Medicine Patient Placement Criteria for the Treatment of Substance-related Disorders, Second
11 Edition Revised April 2001.) This guide is used in matching clients to the appropriate level of care.
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13 Diagnosis refers to the principle mental health, substance use or problem or gambling diagnosis listed in
14 the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM). The diagnosis is determined through
15 the assessment and any examinations, tests or consultations suggested by the assessment.
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17 In addition to the below qualifications, all evaluators must be licensed in the state they are providing the
18 assessment service and must have experience in the assessment and treatment of health care
19 professionals.
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21 Qualified Substance Use Disorder Evaluators

22 1) Evaluators must be licensed, or otherwise authorized to practice, in the state they are providing the
23 assessment service and must have experience in the assessment and treatment of health care
24 professionals.

25 2) Evaluators must be certified or licensed by a health or allied provider agency to provide alcohol and
26 other drug treatment services that include assessment and treatment planning.

27 The certification must have included at least:

28 750 hours of supervised experience in substance use counseling

29 150 contact hours of education and training in substance use related subjects and
30 Successful completion of a written objective examination

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32 For evaluators holding a health or allied provider license, the license or registration must have been
33 issued by one of the following state bodies and the person must possess documentation of at least 60
34 contact hours of academic or continuing professional education in alcohol or other drug treatment

- 35 • Medical Board
- 36 • Board of Psychologists Examiners
- 37 • Board of Licensed Social Workers
- 38 • Board of Nursing
- 39 • Board of Licensed professional Counselors

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41 **Qualified Mental Health Professional Evaluators**

42 Evaluators must meet the one or more of the following minimum qualifications as authorized by the
43 Licensed Mental Health Authority:

- 44 • Graduate degree in psychology
- 45 • Graduate degree in social work
- 46 • Graduate degree in a behavioral science field

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48 Evaluators must demonstrate the ability to conduct an assessment, including identifying precipitating
49 events, gathering histories of mental and physical health, alcohol and other drug use, past mental health
50 services and criminal justice contacts, assessing family, cultural, social, and work relationships and
51 conducting a mental status examination, complete a 5 axis DMS diagnosis, and for substance abuse a
52 level of care recommendation in accordance with the American Society of Addiction Medicine Patient
53 Placement Criteria. There must be a screening for suicidal and homicidal ideation and current or past
54 trauma and abuse.

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56 Evaluators must be familiar with specialized health professional programs offered by treatment facilities
57 around the country that include multidisciplinary evaluations as well as psychiatric and/or substance use
58 disorder treatment. The evaluator must be aware which programs are best for the specific diagnosis
59 and be able to recommend two to three specific programs for each client whose assessment
60 recommends further evaluation and/or treatment.

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62 Professionals interested in becoming evaluators for the Health Professionals Services Program should
63 send a packet of information to Reliant Behavioral Health, 1220 SW Morrison St, ste 600 Portland, OR
64 97205 for review. The packet must include resume, copy of current license and state certifications,
65 malpractice insurance and a sample assessment of a health care professional.

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discretion. There is no appeal process.