



Ohio Revised Code

Section 4731.251 Approval of program evaluators and treatment providers.

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(A) In addition to the duties described in section 4731.25 of the Revised Code, the monitoring organization shall conduct a review of individuals and entities providing impairment evaluation and treatment services to determine which should be approved as evaluators and treatment providers by the organization. The individuals and entities may include those with experience providing evaluation and treatment services as part of a professionals health program sponsored by one or more professional associations or societies of practitioners. The monitoring organization shall conduct its review in accordance with criteria developed under this section.

Following its review, the monitoring organization shall grant or deny approval to evaluators and treatment providers, which may include physicians and facilities. The monitoring organization shall prepare a list of evaluators approved to serve under the program and a list of treatment providers approved to serve under the program or as described in division (B)(5) of section 4730.25, division (B)(26) of section 4731.22, division (A)(18) of section 4759.07, division (B)(6) of section 4760.13, division (A)(18) of section 4761.09, division (B)(6) of section 4762.13, division (B)(6) of section 4774.13, or division (B)(6) of section 4778.14 of the Revised Code.

In accordance with criteria developed under this section, the monitoring organization shall periodically review and update the list of approved evaluators and treatment providers, including by examining evaluator and treatment provider outcomes and operations. As part of its periodic review, the organization may approve additional evaluators or treatment providers and add them to the list. The organization also may withdraw approval for evaluators and treatment providers. Such additions and withdrawals shall be reflected in the list.

(B) The monitoring organization and state medical board together shall develop criteria and procedures for the review and approval of impairment evaluators and treatment providers. The criteria and procedures shall address reviews conducted on a periodic basis, including the examination of approved evaluator and treatment provider outcomes and operations.



(C) Separate from the confidential monitoring program established under section 4731.25 of the Revised Code, the board may contract with the monitoring organization to assist the board in monitoring impaired practitioners who are subject to formal disciplinary action by the board.

(D) Any practitioner who is evaluated or treated as part of the confidential monitoring program, who enters into a participation agreement with the monitoring organization, or who is treated by an approved treatment provider shall be deemed to have waived any confidentiality requirements that would otherwise prevent the monitoring organization or treatment provider from making reports required under sections 4731.25 to 4731.255 of the Revised Code.