



DRUG AND ALCOHOL RECOVERY MONITORING PROGRAM PARTICIPATION COSTS AND INITIAL PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS

The Physician Assistant Board contracts with Maximus, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program services for licensees required to participate in the program.

This fact sheet provides general information about fees and initial practice restrictions associated with participation in the program. These fees are in effect as of March 2014 and are subject to change.

FEES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM

The following fees are assessed to participants in the board's drug and alcohol recovery monitoring program.

Initial Clinical Assessment/Annual Clinical Reassessment – No fee for initial and annual clinical reassessments. However, if a participant does not attend the initial or annual clinical assessment and does not provide 24-hour notice of cancellation a \$150 fee will be assessed.

Additional Clinical Assessments – Additional assessments may be required in addition to the initial and annual assessments. Fee per assessment: \$150.

Inpatient Treatment Program - An inpatient treatment program may be required for some participants. The fee for a 3 to 7 day stay is typically \$3,000 to \$5,000. Participants must also pay for all travel costs and any additional fees associated with this type of assessment.

Professional Support Group – Fee: \$200 to \$400 monthly.

Drug Testing – Frequency varies. Fee per urine drug test: \$62.50. Collection fee: \$20 to \$125. Additional drug testing may be required using hair, nail or blood samples. These types of tests may not be ordered regularly, but, are typically more costly than the urine drug testing.

Administrative Fee – Paid monthly. Board referral: \$306.14. Self-referral: \$229.61. Note: the administrative fee will adjust annually in July with an increase of 3%.

Counseling/Therapy Treatment – Some participants may be required to attend additional counseling or therapy sessions. Participants are responsible for paying all fees associated with counseling or therapy attendance.

INITIAL PRACTICE RESTRICTIONS

Business and Professions Code Section 315 requires the board to use the Uniform Standards formulated by the Department of Consumer Affairs Substance Abuse Coordination Committee entitled, "Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees." Uniform Standard 2 requires that the board order a licensee to cease practice pending the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation and review by diversion program/board staff.

While awaiting the results of the evaluation participants are randomly drug tested at least two times per week.

After reviewing the results of the clinical diagnostic evaluation, program and board staff will determine if the participant is safe to return to practice. If the participant is determined safe to return to practice, program and board staff will then authorize the number of hours permitted to practice. However, no participant shall be returned to practice until he or she has at least 30 days of negative drug tests.

A complete copy of the "Uniform Standards Regarding Substance-Abusing Healing Arts Licensees" may be found at: http://www.dca.ca.gov/about_dca/sacc/index.shtml

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

MAXIMUS staff are available at 800-522-9198 to answer questions regarding program fees and program participation requirements.