

ALL FIRST DUI OFFENDER CLIENTS - PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

First time DUI offenders are required, as a condition of probation, to get a clinical evaluation, and if indicated by the evaluation, complete a substance abuse treatment program. These requirements, effective July 1, 2008 are in addition to all other existing requirements for probation. Under this new law, the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) is responsible for approving clinical evaluators and treatment providers and establishing regulations for implementing these requirements

DUI RISK REDUCTION PROGRAM

In most cases, you must complete the DUI Risk Reduction Program (DUI School of 20 hours of classroom instruction) before getting the clinical evaluation.

CLINICAL EVALUATION

The clinical evaluation consists of a clinical interview, a review of your NEEDS Assessment results from the DUI school (if completed), and any other assessment instruments deemed appropriate by the evaluator to complete a thorough evaluation. Only an approved evaluator from the DBHDD Registry of Clinical Evaluators can complete your clinical evaluation. You will be given a Clinical Evaluation Agreement / Contract that informs you of the services you are entitled to as part of the evaluation process.

If no treatment is recommended, the evaluator will send a form to DBHDD to request a Requirements Met Certificate that will be mailed to you. If the evaluation results in a treatment recommendation, the clinical evaluator must show you a list of DBHDD approved treatment providers.

- The evaluator will recommend an ASAM Level of care.
- The evaluator cannot tell you to go to a specific treatment provider, you decide that.
- The evaluator cannot determine the exact number of weeks you have to attend treatment.
- If the evaluator determines there is no need for treatment, the evaluator will submit a case presentation to DBHDD for a panel review and present the reasoning behind not recommending treatment. If approved, DBHDD will provide the client with a "Requirements Met Form" which can be submitted to your Probation Officer and be used for driver's license reinstatement purposes.

TREATMENT

You must choose a treatment provider from the DBHDD Registry of Treatment Providers who is permitted to deliver the ASAM Level of Care recommended by the clinical evaluator.

NOTE: As part of a court order, only a judge can tell you to go to a particular treatment program.

- ASAM Level I Short-Term Program is 6-12 weeks, 18 hours minimum.
- ASAM Level I Program is three to nine hours of treatment services per week. The length of treatment is 4 to 12 months. A treatment review occurs when 4 months have been completed. A decision will then be made for you for additional treatment or discharge from program.

You will be given a Treatment Agreement / Contract for Services that informs you all requirements for successful completion of the program. It is the responsibility of the treatment provider to determine the intensity and duration of your treatment program. You may be expected to attend more than the minimum number of hours and weeks of treatment for any ASAM Level of Care recommended.

You must complete DUI School prior to discharge from your treatment program. The treatment program may have additional requirements to be met before you can be discharged. Each individual treatment provider or agency determines additional services.

Finally, you must have satisfied all fees to the treatment provider in order to receive your "Treatment Completion Certificate Form" which can be submitted to your Probation Officer and be used for driver's license reinstatement purposes.