



State of California—Health and Human Services Agency  
Department of Health Care Services



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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS  
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS  
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA  
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES  
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS  
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.  
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES  
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: Certifying Organization Loss of Accreditation: California Association for Alcohol and Drug Educators (CAADE)

As of December 1, 2017, CAADE is no longer an approved Certifying Organization (CO) as a result of their accreditation termination by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA)/Institute for Credentialing Excellence.

According to the NCCA website, CAADE's accreditation was terminated December 1, 2017. Consequently, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) notified CAADE they are no longer approved to register and/or certify Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) counselors as of December 1, 2017. Per California Code of Regulations Title 9, Chapter 8, DHCS directed CAADE to send notification to each counselor, informing them of their rights and responsibilities as specified in regulation within five (5) working days from receiving written notification from DHCS.

Regulation specifies that an AOD counselor registered or certified with a CO that is no longer approved by DHCS must register with one of the other DHCS approved certifying organizations within six (6) months of receiving written notification or prior to the expiration of his/her certification (whichever is sooner). Failure to re-register with a DHCS approved certifying organization within this timeframe will leave the holder of a registration or certification without a valid registration or certification.

In the event counselors do not receive written notification from CAADE, DHCS has incorporated a 15-day grace period into the six (6) month deadline. AOD counselors who were registered and certified with CAADE prior to December 1, 2017, must be re-registered or certified with an approved CO by June 15, 2018. If an AOD counselor who was registered or certified with CAADE prior to December 1, 2017, fails to re-register or certify with another DHCS approved CO by June 15, 2018, his/her registration or certification will be invalid and he/she will not be able to provide AOD counseling services in licensed and certified programs.

The following are the two (2) approved CO's:

California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
1731 Howe Avenue, PMB #352  
Sacramento, CA 95825-2209  
Phone: (800) 464-3597  
[www.cadtp.org](http://www.cadtp.org)

California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
2400 Marconi Avenue  
P.O. Box 214127  
Sacramento, CA 95821  
Phone: (916) 338-9460  
[www.ccapp.us](http://www.ccapp.us)

#### **REFERENCES:**

California Code of Regulations Title 9, Chapter 8, Section 13035(d)(1-4)  
"(d) if any of the certifying organizations specified in this regulation fails to comply with the requirements of this regulation, within five (5) working days following receipt of written notification by the Department that it is no longer approved to certify AOD counselors, the certifying organization shall send written notification to each AOD counselor registered with or certified by the certifying organization, informing him/her of his/her rights and responsibilities, including the following:

1. Before expiration of his/her certification or within (6) months of the notice (whichever is sooner), the counselor shall register with one of the certifying organizations listed in (a) or this regulations;
2. For purposes of this Chapter, The AOD counselor's certification remains valid until it expires only if the certified counselor re-registers as required by (d)(1) of this regulation;

3. The new certifying organization shall give credit for any continuing education credits earned while certified by the former certifying organization; and
4. The new certifying organization shall give registrants sufficient credit for education and experience completed to place the registrant at an equivalent level in the new certifying organization."

**QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE:**

If you have questions regarding this Information Notice, please contact Crystal Sanchez with the Substance Use Disorder Compliance Division at 916 327-3148 or [Crystal.Sanchez@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:Crystal.Sanchez@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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