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**SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS****13:34C-1.1 Purpose and scope**

(a) The rules in this chapter implement the provisions of P.L. 1997, c.331, N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq., The Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing and Certification Act.

(b) This chapter shall apply to all persons presently practicing, those seeking to practice and those seeking licensure or certification to engage in alcohol and drug counseling services in the State of New Jersey.

**13:34C-1.2 Definitions**

(a) The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

“Accredited institution of higher education” means an educational institution that has been awarded accreditation by at least one of the following: the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, New England Association of Schools and Colleges, North Central Association of Schools and Colleges, Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges, Southern Association of Schools and Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges or the World Education Service for a degree earned through an institution that is not in the United States.

“Act” means the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Licensing and Certification Act, P.L. 1997, c.331 (N.J.S.A. 45:2D-1 et seq.)

“Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey, Inc., (APCBNJ)” previously known as the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Certification Board of New Jersey, means the member of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc. which certified alcohol and drug counselors in the State of New Jersey up to the effective date of these regulations.

“Address of record” means an address designated by a licensee or certificate holder which is part of the licensee’s or certificate holder’s record and which will be disclosed to the public. “Address of record” may be a licensee’s or certificate holder’s home, business or mailing address, but shall not be a post office box.

“Assessment” means those procedures which identify and evaluate a client’s strengths, weaknesses, problems and needs for the development of a treatment plan to address the extent to which alcohol or drug use has interfered with the client’s ability to function in the major life areas including, but not limited to, physical health, vocational development, social adaptations, legal involvement and psychological functioning.

“Board” means the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners established pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:8B-1 et seq.

“Case management” means activities which bring services, agencies, resources, or people together within a planned framework of action toward the achievement of established goals.

“Certificate holder” means an individual who is certified by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners as a Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor.

“Certified alcohol and drug counselor (CADC)” means a person who holds a current, valid certificate issued by the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, as recommended by the Alcohol and Drug Committee, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-5 and N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.3. Under the grandfathering provision set forth at N.J.S.A. 45:2D-16, “certified alcohol and drug counselor” also means a person who held a certificate granted by the Addiction Professionals Certification Board of New Jersey, Inc. prior to the effective date of these regulations.

“Client education” means the provision of information to individuals and groups concerning alcohol and other drug abuse and the available treatment and prevention services.

“Committee” means the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Committee of the State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners established as a Committee pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-12.

“Consultation” means conferring with in-house staff or outside professionals to assure comprehensive, quality care for a client.

“Counseling” means the utilization of special skills to assist individuals, families, significant others or groups in

achieving an objective through exploration of a problem and its ramifications; examination of attitudes and feelings; consideration of alternative solutions; and decision making.

“Counseling related areas” include educational psychology, guidance and counseling, human development, marriage and family therapy, psychiatric nursing, pastoral counseling, psychology, social work or educational specialist or post master’s degree.

“Crisis intervention” means the provision of services which respond to an alcohol and/or other drug abuser’s needs during acute emotional and/or physical distress.

“Department” means the Department of Law and Public Safety.

“Director” means the Director of the Division of Consumer Affairs in the Department of Law and Public Safety.

“Effective date” for purposes of N.J.S.A. 45:2D-16 means March 15, 2004.

“Enactment date” means January 9, 1998.

“Health care provider” includes, a New Jersey licensed individual who is permitted, without supervision, to diagnose and/or treat within the licensee’s scope of practice, such as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor, a licensed physician, a certified advanced practice nurse, a licensed psychologist, a licensed clinical social worker, a licensed marriage and family therapist or a licensed professional counselor.

“ICRC member board” means a certification authority that is a member of the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium (ICRC) of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, Inc.

“Intake” means the administrative and initial assessment procedures for entry into treatment.

“Licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor (LCADC)” means a person who holds a current, valid license issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 45:2D-4 and 45:2D-16 and N.J.A.C. 13:34C-2.2 and 2.1(c).

“Licensee” means an individual who is licensed by the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, as recommended by the Alcohol and Drug Committee, as a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor.

“Orientation” means describing to a client the general nature and goals of the drug and alcohol treatment services offered.

“Recordkeeping” means charting the results of an assessment and treatment plan, writing reports, progress notes, discharge summaries and other client-related data.

“Referral” means identifying the needs of a client that cannot be met by the drug and alcohol counselor or agency and/or assisting the client to utilize the support systems and community resources available.