

LICENSING ALERT

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CLINICAL SUPERVISOR REQUIREMENTS

28 Pa. Code § 704.6(a) requires that a drug and alcohol treatment project have a full-time clinical supervisor for every eight full-time counselors or counselor assistants, or both. For facilities having between one and seven counselors or counselor assistants, a full-time clinical supervisor is not required. The regulations permit a facility director who meets the qualifications for counselor listed in § 704.7(b) (relating to qualifications for the position of counselor) to have direct responsibility for the clinical services, or a lead counselor may be appointed, or a part-time supervisor may be hired.

When a treatment project employs nine or more counselors or counselor assistants, supervision of the ninth to fifteenth counselor or counselor assistant may be provided by a qualified facility director (§ 704.7)(b), lead counselor, or part-time clinical supervisor. A full-time supervisor may not supervise more than eight counselors or counselor assistants. Upon employment of the sixteenth counselor or counselor assistant, a second full-time clinical supervisor is required.

Questions regarding this alert should be directed to Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure at (717) 783-8675.