



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4723-6-01 Definitions.

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As used in this chapter:

- (A) "Agreement" means a voluntary, written contract between an individual and the board's alternative program for substance use disorder in which the board abstains from taking disciplinary action against the individual for violation of Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code and the individual agrees to be monitored by the board according to the terms and conditions of the program specified in section 4723.35 of the Revised Code, this chapter, and any other terms and conditions determined necessary by the program to ensure that the individual is able to practice in accordance with acceptable standards of safe care.
- (B) "Approved treatment program" means an alcohol or substance use disorder treatment program which is either certified by a state agency or is accredited by a joint commission, council on Accreditation (COA), or commission on accreditation of rehabilitation facilities (CARF).
- (C) "Drug of abuse" has the same meaning as in section 3719.011 of the Revised Code, and includes any controlled substance as defined in section 3719.01 of the Revised Code, any harmful intoxicant as defined in section 2925.01 of the Revised Code, or any dangerous drug as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code.
- (D) "Medication-assisted treatment" has the same meaning as in section 340.01 of the Revised Code.
- (E) "Person" includes, without limitation, a natural person, a corporation, whether nonprofit or for profit, a partnership, a limited liability company, an unincorporated society or association, or two or more persons having a joint or common interest.
- (F) "Practitioner" means a healthcare professional who is authorized by law to prescribe drugs, dangerous drugs, or drug therapy related devices in the course of the professional's practice and is



licensed under Chapter 4715., 4723., 4725., 4731., or 4730., of the Revised Code and authorized by law to write prescription's for drugs or dangerous drugs.

(G) "Program" means the unit of the board responsible for administering the alternative program for substance use disorder established by section 4723.35 of the Revised Code.

(H) "Random alcohol and drug screen" means a laboratory or breathalyzer test administered at an irregular interval not known in advance by the individual to be tested to detect the presence of alcohol, drugs of abuse, or other mood altering substances in the individual's body fluids, breath, hair, or nails.

(I) "Substance use disorder" for purposes of section 4723.35 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-6 of the Administrative Code means either of the following:

(1) The chronic and habitual use of alcohol to the extent that the user no longer can control the use of alcohol; or the user's health, safety, or welfare or that of others is endangered; or

(2) The use of a drug of abuse, to the extent that the user becomes physically or psychologically dependent on the drug; or the user's health, safety, or welfare or that of others is endangered.

To the extent that under prior law, the term "chemical dependency" was used, the term is to be construed to hold the same meaning as "substance use disorder" for purposes of the board's monitoring program established according to section 4723.35 of the Revised Code and Chapter 4723-6 of the Administrative Code.

(J) "Support group" means individuals who hold licenses or certificates issued under Chapter 4723. of the Revised Code who meet regularly to discuss practice issues related to recovery and to provide substance use disorder support for its members.

(K) "Treatment provider" means a licensed healthcare provider, with demonstrated expertise in substance use disorder, who provides alcohol or substance use treatment in an approved treatment program to an individual participating in the alternative program for dependency.



(L) "Twelve-step meeting" means a meeting sponsored by a group such as alcoholics anonymous, narcotics anonymous, or a related organization which addresses substance use disorders and promotes sobriety and recovery through peer group support, self-help, and anonymity, and which is based on an abstinence model of recovery.