



Texas Physician Health Program

Established to protect the health of Texans and to promote medical excellence.

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BACKGROUND

TXPHP was created by the 81st Texas Legislature in Senate Bill 292, effective September 1, 2009. The bill was codified in Chapter 167 of the Texas Occupations Code. The program began operating in February 2010 and is self-funded through user fees. The cost for participation in the program is \$1,200 per year.

The 11-member Governing Board, which is appointed by the Texas Medical Board president, provides independent, confidential, administrative, and clinical oversight to the TXPHP. The Board is comprised of members experienced in addressing health conditions commonly found in the population of participants.

The Texas Medical Association, the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, and the Texas Medical Board worked together to shape TXPHP, modeling it on similar programs in most states.

PURPOSE

TXPHP encourages treatment for participants, when clinically indicated, and monitors their ongoing recovery and assistance with the following:

- substance use disorders
- psychiatric disorders
- other medical problems

These are issues that have the potential to compromise their ability to practice medicine with reasonable skill and safety.

This program strives to provide 'Responsible Advocacy' by fostering a relationship of trust with participants and accountability to the Texas Medical Board and the public.

VISION

1. All program participants will
 - successfully complete acute treatment and continue ongoing treatment as recommended
 - possess the ability to practice medicine in their field of expertise safely and effectively
2. People will recognize that psychiatric and substance use disorders are medical conditions that are treatable.
3. We will maintain strong partnership with TMA, TOMA, and other organizations to help achieve mutual goals.

Medical Director

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ELIGIBILITY

TXPHP is available to health professionals licensed by the Texas Medical Board (TMB):

- physicians
- physician assistants
- acupuncturists
- surgical assistants
- applicants for licensure through TMB

Individuals are not eligible to participate if they have any of the following:

- conviction of a felony
- violation of the standard of care
- boundary violation with a patient or patient's family member

REFERRALS

We encourage and accept self-referrals and referrals from hospitals, employers, staff, colleagues, family, friends, treatment facilities, licensure boards, or other state physician health programs.

Contact us if you need assistance and guidance or suspect possible health conditions which you think may jeopardize the health professional's safety or the safety of their patients.

CONFIDENTIALITY

All calls to the TXPHP are strictly confidential. Participant confidentiality is assured, contingent upon absolute compliance with program requirements.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT **TXPHP**

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A message from the Presiding Officer:

It is a privilege to preside over this program. If you are a health professional seeking assistance or a referring entity, we are here to help. Our program is confidential. We hope to facilitate a person's return to health and the safe practice of medicine to ensure quality care to the citizens of Texas.

Alison Jones, M.D.