

PROVISIONAL APPROVAL PROCESS UNDERSERVED/RURAL INITIATIVE

The SOMB recently adopted a new model of approving Provisional offense specific treatment providers in underserved areas in Colorado in response to the lack of available services in rural areas. This initiative is being promoted collaboratively with other stakeholders including the Judicial Department and the Department of Human Services so that funding will be available for this project and to promote collaboration among agencies.

Currently, the SOMB utilizes an approval model requiring hours based measures. As a result, this process has likely contributed to the lack of providers in rural areas. The Board wanted this issue addressed and formed a subcommittee that developed a modified approval model using competency based criteria to encourage and empower treatment provider participation in underserved areas. This process is intended to facilitate collaboration between rural communities, existing providers, and prospective applicants in an effort to create additional resources.

The process begins with the initial contact from the rural community, a professional agency within the

rural community, or a prospective provider in a rural community to the SOMB.

1. The “Provisional Initial Contact” form is completed and submitted to the Board and the Application Review Committee then reviews the form and any attached documentation. If the circumstances appear to be appropriate for provisional approval, the information is forwarded to the Judicial Department. Once the appropriate parties have been contacted and all professional entities agree that the situation meets the criteria for provisional application, the prospective applicant is contacted by the Standards Coordinator.
2. The applicant is instructed to submit a “Provisional Intent to Apply” form. This information is processed.
3. When a Full Operating Level provider is selected by the prospective applicant and the team, the two parties meet and complete the “Provisional Supervision Plan” and submit the form to the Committee. The Committee reviews the form and quarterly progress reports to ensure competency is being developed appropriately.
4. After one year of submission of the Intent to Apply, the applicant will submit the “Provisional Application” to the Committee.

All appropriate forms are located on our website (Initial Contact/Provisional, Intent to Apply/Provisional, Supervision Plan/Provisional, Application/Provisional) or the Standards Coordinators can be contacted directly.

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