

Draft Uniform Standard #1

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SB 1441 REQUIREMENT

(1) Specific requirements for a clinical diagnostic evaluation of the licensee, including, but not limited to, required qualifications for the providers evaluating the licensee.

DRAFT UNIFORM STANDARD #1

A clinical diagnostic evaluation shall:

- be conducted by a California-licensed practitioner, as authorized by their scope of practice, who holds a valid, unrestricted license and has three years experience in chemical dependency;
- be a face to face assessment;
- be conducted in accordance with acceptable professional standards for clinical diagnostic evaluations;
- determine whether or not the licensee has a substance abuse problem;
- determine whether or not a licensee is determined to be a threat to himself/herself or others; and,
- set forth recommendations for treatment, practice restrictions, or other reasonable recommendations related to the licensee's rehabilitation and safe practice.

The evaluator may not have a financial relationship, personal relationship, business relationship, or any other interest that would interfere with him/her providing an unbiased, independent evaluation.

The evaluator shall notify the board within 24 hours of determining if a licensee is unfit to practice.

The evaluator shall submit a written report no later than 30 days from the initial face to face meeting with the licensee.