

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.

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If a board has determined that a clinical diagnostic evaluation is necessary in order to evaluate whether practice restrictions or other actions are warranted, the following minimum standards shall apply.

1. The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted by a licensed practitioner who:
 - holds a valid, unrestricted license to do so;
 - has three (3) years experience in providing evaluations of health professionals with substance abuse disorders;
 - is approved by the board;
2. The clinical diagnostic evaluation shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable professional standards for conducting substance abuse clinical diagnostic evaluations.
3. The clinical diagnostic evaluation report shall:
 - set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee has a substance abuse problem;
 - set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, whether the licensee is a threat to himself/herself or others; and,
 - set forth, in the evaluator's opinion, recommendations for substance abuse treatment, practice restrictions, or other recommendations related to the licensee's rehabilitation and safe practice.

The evaluator may not have a financial relationship, personal relationship, or business relationship with the licensee. The evaluator shall provide an objective, unbiased, and independent evaluation.

If the evaluator determines during the evaluation process that a licensee is a threat to himself/herself or others, the evaluator shall notify the board within 24 hours of such a determination.

For all evaluations, a final written report shall be provided to the board no later than 30 days from the date the evaluator is assigned the matter unless the evaluator requests additional information to complete the evaluation, not to exceed ninety (90) days.