Tobacco Guideline for Behavioral Health Care

Endorsement Notification

The Tobacco Guideline is designed as a road map for providers to support their clients who are motivated to end their dependence on tobacco products. The Guideline is based on 12 essential strategies and includes supporting resources to assist providers in adopting specific practices that integrate tobacco cessation with other behavioral health treatment and to create tobacco-free environments.

Health care providers and their associations are invited to endorse the Guideline as an aspirational statement to be implemented on their timeline, including completion of the Self-Assessment Implementation Checklist.

Our organization, _____________________, hereby affirms our endorsement of the Tobacco Guideline for Behavioral Health Care.

In authorizing this endorsement:

1. Provider associations agree to communicate this endorsement to their members and to encourage members to endorse the Guideline and develop an implementation timeline.
2. Provider agencies agree to communicate this decision to staff and clients and commit to completing the Self-Assessment Implementation Checklist to determine their baseline efforts and implementation gaps, and to measure progress in achieving high levels of implementation. Implementation of strategies is NOT a prerequisite to endorsement.

We have identified the following primary point of contact for this initiative:

_______________________________ (name)  _______________________________ (title)

_______________________________ (phone)  _______________________________ (email)

This endorsement has been approved by:

_________________________________  ___________________________________
Print Name (CEO/President/Executive Dir.)  Organization Name

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Signature/Date

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Mailing Address

Please sign, retain one copy for your records, and return to:

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