

## LICENSING ALERT 01-16

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The Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) is publishing this Licensing Alert to provide clarification in regards to the Intake, Evaluation and Referral activity.

28 Pa. Code § 701.1 defines the Intake, Evaluation and Referral activity as following:

*Intake, evaluation, and referral activity* – The provision of intake and referral by a facility designated by the SCA to perform those services centrally for two or more facilities within that SCA.

28 Pa. Code §§ 709.1(a) & (b) requires licensure by activity.

(a) This chapter establishes the procedures for the issuance of a license by activity to freestanding drug and alcohol treatment facilities...

(b) This chapter provides standards by activity for the licensure to freestanding drug and alcohol treatment facilities...

28 Pa. Code § 709.21(a) mandates that facilities performing the Intake, Evaluation and Referral activity be in compliance with Chapter 709, Standards for Licensure of Freestanding Treatment Facilities.

The intake, evaluation and referral, inpatient nonhospital, partial hospitalization, outpatient and inpatient hospital activities shall comply with this chapter.

Accordingly, the provision of the Intake, Evaluation and Referral activity by a facility designated by the SCA is a licensed activity that requires a License or Certificate of Compliance to be issued by the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs.

Any persons, partnerships, corporations, or other legal entities performing Intake, Evaluation, and Referral on behalf of an SCA has until 3/31/2017 to add this activity to their current license or apply to become licensed. All request to add the Intake, Evaluation, and Referral to a current license or to apply for a new license should be sent to [RA-licensureapps@pa.gov](mailto:RA-licensureapps@pa.gov).

Questions on this Alert may be directed to the Program Licensure Division, telephone 717-783-8675.