

Changes Coming to Pennsylvania Recovery Houses

What you need to know:

- In December 2017, the General Assembly passed and Governor Wolf approved [Senate Bill 446](#). This new legislation directs the Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (DDAP) to license or certify drug and alcohol recovery houses that:
 - receive referrals from state agencies or state-funded facilities, or
 - receive federal or state funding.
- DDAP will make regulatory changes for the licensure or certification of drug and alcohol recovery houses on or before June 17, 2020.
- Once the regulatory changes are in place, only licensed or certified drug and alcohol recovery houses will:
 - be eligible to receive federal or state funding to deliver drug and alcohol recovery housing services, and
 - be eligible to receive referrals of individuals whose treatment is funded with federal or state funding.
- Also, state or county courts must give first consideration to facilities that are licensed or certified when making residential recommendations for individuals under their supervision.

How to stay informed:

If you currently operate a recovery house, or are thinking about operating a recovery house that will receive state funds or referrals, please complete the attached form entitled “*Keep Me Informed on Recovery House Regulations*” and email to:

RA-DARECOVERYHOUSE@pa.gov

Filling out this form will allow DDAP to keep you up to date on key information related to the upcoming regulatory action on recovery houses. It does not bind individuals to a course of action, nor does it start the application process for licensure or certification.