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Issuance of licenses.

(A) The department may issue a license for the program only if it has been determined to the department's satisfaction that the program is adequately staffed and equipped to maintain methadone treatment by demonstrating compliance with the licensure requirements set forth in section 5119.391 of the Revised Code and Chapter 5122-40 of the Administrative Code.

The department shall not issue a license if program cannot affirmatively demonstrate that it will maintain strict compliance with section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, all other laws relating to drug abuse, or this Chapter.

(B) The state authority shall coordinate the licensure process among the licensing authorities including the department, SAMHSA, the United States drug enforcement administration, and the state board of pharmacy.

(C) A license to conduct a methadone treatment program is for a one-year time period.

(D) A license is not transferable to any other site or property.

(E) A license is valid only for the applicant named in the application, and is not transferable to or assumable by any other person or entity, including any person or entity which purchases the licensed program.

(F) The license must be posted in an area visible to residents and visitors at the program facility at all times and made available for inspection to any person who requests it.

(G) The department may conduct surveys or inspections of licensed programs, as it deems necessary and appropriate, to determine initial or continued compliance with requirements or to determine whether deficiencies have been corrected, or upon complaint or allegation of licensure violations. Inspections or surveys may be unscheduled and unannounced. The department shall conduct inspections of all licensed methadone medication programs at least once every twelve months.

(H) The department shall have access to all records, accounts, and other documents relating to the operation of the program, as well as access to all areas in the program facility and to the staff, and all patients, as the department deems necessary and appropriate.

(I) The program shall be responsible for notifying the department of any changes or proposed changes concerning the information submitted and attested to in the application, or in the operation of the program, or the continued compliance of the facility with the requirements for licensure.

(J) The department may permit the methadone medication program to develop a plan of correction to address any noted violations or deficiencies.

(K) The department may grant a waiver or variance to the provisions of this chapter.

However, requests for waivers and variances that would adversely affect the quality of services or the health and safety of patients will not be granted.

(1) A provider shall submit a written request to the department for a waiver or variance. The written request shall state clearly the rationale and need for the requested waiver or variance.

(2) The waiver shall be for a period of time determined by the department, not to exceed the expiration date of the current license and is not renewable.

(L) The department may refuse to issue or revoke a license of a methadone program for one or more of the following reasons:

(1) The program does not meet the requirements of division (C) of section 5119.391 of the Revised Code and rule 5122-40-04 of the Administrative Code;

(2) The program fails to achieve or retain certification in accordance with Chapter 5122-25 of the Administrative Code;

(3) The program is not in compliance with the requirements for licensure as set forth by the rules in this chapter;

(4) The program has been cited for a pattern of serious noncompliance or repeated violations of statutes or rules during the period of current or previous licenses;

(5) The program presents or submits false or misleading information as part of a license application, renewal, or investigation;

(6) The program permits an employee to falsify information on patient records;

(7) The program is aware of an employee who has abused or neglected a patient and has failed to take appropriate disciplinary action to correct the situation;

(8) The program fails to provide timely access to its records as requested by the department;

(9) The program is in violation of any provision of section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, or any other state or federal law or rule relating to drug abuse;

(10) The program is not in good standing in any other jurisdiction in which the methadone provider currently provides services, or was not in good standing at all times within the past five years in any other jurisdiction in which the program previously provided substance use treatment services, that are comparable to the methadone treatment services authorized under section 5119.391 of the Revised Code; or,

- (11) The applicant, operator, owner, or medical director is or has been a principal with a methadone program that has had a previous license to operate in Ohio revoked or denied renewal for any reason other than nonpayment of the license fee unless:
- (a) A minimum period of three years has passed from the date of the director's order denying the issuance of an initial license or a minimum period of five years has passed from the date of the director's order revoking a license or denying the renewal of a license; and,
- (b) The licensure revocation or non-renewal was not due to any act or omission that is a violation of any provision of section 3719.61 of the Revised Code, or any other state or federal law or rule relating to drug abuse.
- (M) The refusal to issue or withdrawal of a license shall be subject to proceedings governed by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code.
- (N) The revocation of a license pursuant to paragraph (L)(9) of this rule shall be subject to proceedings governed by division (L) of section 5119.391 of the Revised Code.
- (O) Termination of licenses
- (1) A license shall be considered terminated and invalid in the following circumstances:
- (a) The program has voluntarily discontinued operations; or,
- (b) An application for renewal has not been received by the department prior to the expiration of the license.
- (2) The termination of a license, as specified in paragraph (O)(1) of this rule, shall not be considered a denial or revocation of a license and shall not be subject to proceedings governed by Chapter 119. of the Revised Code. If the department determines that circumstances exist as specified in paragraph (O)(1) of this rule, it shall issue a letter to the operator specifying the date of termination of the license.
- (P) A methadone program directly operated by the department of veterans affairs, the Indian health service or any other department or agency of the United States is not required to obtain a state license.
- (Q) Regardless of whether the department takes action to deny, withdraw, revoke a license for the reasons listed in paragraph (L) of this rule, it may refer matters to local, state or federal officials as appropriate.

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