

merely holds meetings OR PROVIDES SUPPORT SERVICES to help individuals who show the effects of alcohol abuse or alcoholism;

[(4)] (3) An employees' assistance program of a business entity; or

[(5)] (4) The American Council on Alcoholism, Inc.

(c) [The Department shall adopt rules and regulations that set standards for certification of alcohol abuse facilities.] UNLESS CERTIFICATION IS REQUESTED, THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING FACILITIES:

(1) A HOSPITAL ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS AND DEFINED IN § 19-301 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(2) AN ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT PROGRAM ACCREDITED BY THE JOINT COMMISSION ON ACCREDITATION OF HOSPITALS.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS FOR ESTABLISHING, OPERATING, AND CERTIFYING ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITIES, INCLUDING STANDARDS RELATING TO:

(1) ALCOHOLISM TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION SERVICES;
AND

(2) ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS CONCERNING PHYSICAL PLANT, EQUIPMENT, AND STRUCTURE.

(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A CERTIFICATE TO AN ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY THAT MEETS THE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS UNDER THIS SECTION.

(F) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THIS SECTION, AN ALCOHOL ABUSE FACILITY MUST BE CERTIFIED BY THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE THE FACILITY MAY OPERATE IN THIS STATE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1986.

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