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Arizona Pain Management Clinic Licensing



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January 1, 2019, marked the first day that Arizona required licensing of qualified pain medical practices in Arizona. While components of the SB 1001: 2018 AZ Opioid Epidemic Act were implemented in 2018, the most significant requirement began earlier this year in Title Nine, Chapter Ten, Article 20 of the Arizona Administrative Code.

Pain practices, which prescribe narcotics to the majority of their patient base, are required to become a licensed Pain Management Clinic with the State of Arizona. The process of becoming a licensed Pain Management Clinic is daunting but the Arizona Department of Health provides a great, responsive team to help through the process.

Aside from making sure the facility meets the requirements for an Arizona Pain Management Clinic, thorough policies and procedures are required. The employees’

knowledge of the policies and procedures is an important aspect of becoming a Pain Management Clinic.

The most common delays are due to not providing enough, or accurate, information in the application process. The on-site survey reviews policies and procedures specifically required to become licensed. A Medical Director is required to lead the clinic. Additional requirements relate to:

- Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training “CPR”
- Quality Management Program
- Emergency Treatment Plan
- Infection Control Program
- Opioid Prescription Compliance
- Medication Services Compliance
- Medication Records Compliance

Though the Arizona Department of Health is providing resources, the licensing process is challenging. Begin your efforts now to allow for appropriate time to become licensed. ❖

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