

Pain Program Accreditation Standards



Organizational Purpose and Structure

The intent is to establish the program's commitment to pain management within a consistent model. Below is a sample of standards. The list is not all inclusive of the required standards.

Description	Looking For:
A mission statement exists describing the purpose of the organization and the available services.	Is there is mission statement? Does it describe the services provided by the program?
Written policy describes the types of clients or patient serviced, and/or the types of condition addressed the program.	Written documentation describes types of clients or patients served, and the types of pain conditions treated.
Written policy defines the inclusion and exclusion criteria for the program's services.	Are there specific written inclusion criteria for prospective patients? What are the exclusion criteria for not treating patients? Are exceptions made? Who has the final decision for inclusion or exclusion?
Written materials (ads, brochures, fact sheets, and newsletters) truthfully describe the personnel, program and services provided.	What programs and services are offered? Are there descriptive brochure, fliers, pamphlets, and/or videotapes available? Is the language level used in the written materials population appropriate?
Practitioners with appropriate training and experience regarding the treatment of individuals with pain provide program direction and leadership.	Does leadership personnel have the necessary training and experience regarding the treatment of individuals with pain? Is the program director properly trained and have sufficient experience to be able to provide leadership to the treatment team?