

Bureau of Substance Addiction Services (BSAS) Recovery Coach Licensure Fact Sheet

BACKGROUND:

In December 2024, Governor Healey signed An Act related to treatments and coverage for substance use disorder and recovery coach licensure into law as Chapter 285 of the Acts of 2024. This new law requires BSAS to establish a licensure process for recovery coaches (section 11 and 38), and take the following actions:



Establish minimum educational, training and experience requirements;



Establish licensing renewal, reciprocity, and legacy licensure requirements;



Evaluate qualifications of applicants;



Establish an examination process;



Issue licenses;



Establish continuing education requirements; and



Investigate complaints and take disciplinary action when needed to protect public health, safety and welfare.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

To implement the requirements of the law, BSAS must promulgate regulations describing the specific rules, requirements and standards for licensing of recovery coaches. The public will have an opportunity to review and provide comment on draft regulations before they are promulgated. Information about the public comment period will be posted on mass.gov/bsas. Organizations or individuals that will be impacted by these regulations are strongly encouraged to read the draft regulation when it is publicly released and participate in the public comment process.



DPH presents draft regulations to the Public Health Council (mass.gov/orgs/public-health-council)

The public provides feedback during the comment period, which includes a public hearing

DPH reviews comments and revises regulation as needed

Final draft regulations are presented to the Public Health Council

Public Health Council approves regulations

Final regulations are published

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