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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

### **ADACBGA Clinical Supervision requirements – upcoming changes:**

The following phased approach to updating clinical supervision requirements has been unanimously approved by the ADACBGA Board of Directors to improve the quality of clinical supervision services ADACBGA-credentialed counselors and counselor candidates receive. These updates and changes are part of our ongoing effort to protect the public through psychometrically sound and legally defensible competency-based certifications. Additionally, these changes will move the ADACBGA closer to standard requirements of other IC&RC state licensing and/or certification boards.

New applicants as of the dates listed below must have clinical supervision provided according to the updated requirements.

CADC-T and CADC-I counselors whose scopes of practice are not independent and are required to have ongoing clinical supervision must adhere to these new requirements as of the dates listed below.

#### **Effective July 1, 2019:**

The **preferred** credential for clinical supervisors is the **ADACBGA CCS** and/or **IC&RC ICCS**. The CCS through the Georgia Addiction Counselors Association (GACA) will also still be recognized at this time. Other acceptable credentials at this time include the ADACBGA CADC-II, ADACBGA CAADC, and/or GACA CACII with a minimum of 3 years post-certification experience\* which includes a minimum of 1 year in a clinical supervisory role under the supervision of a CCS\* (OR) a Georgia-licensed behavioral health professional (such as LPC, LCSW, LMFT, PsyD. or Psychiatrist) who have a minimum of 5 years of documented experience working with Substance Use Disorders.\*

#### **Effective January 1, 2020:**

Clinical Supervision will only be accepted across the board and without case-by-case approval when provided by an **ADACBGA CCS\*** and/or **IC&RC ICCS.\***

With prior approval from the ADACBGA on a case-by-case basis for each proposed clinical supervisor, other acceptable credentials that may be accepted are:

- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) *who also holds* the Certified Professional Counselor Supervisor (**CPCS**)\* through LPCA of Georgia *and/or* the Approved Clinical Supervisor (**ACS**)\* through the Center for Credentialing & Education (CCE) of the National Board for Certified Counselors (NBCC),
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) *who also holds* **board certification in Clinical Supervision\*** through the American Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work (ABE), and/or



- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) *who also holds the **Approved Supervisor\*** designation through the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy (AAMFT).*

If the clinical supervisor does not hold the ADACBGA CCS and/or IC&RC ICCS but instead holds one of the other acceptable credentials for clinical supervisors listed above, *the clinical supervisor must first be approved by the board ahead of the provision of clinical supervision to the candidate, provide documentation of a minimum of two (2) years practice and supervisory experience specific to substance use treatment and/or the treatment of co-occurring disorders, and must document a minimum of 5 hours of co-occurring- or substance use- specific continuing education hours each year.\**

PLEASE NOTE: *Discussions with the **Georgia Addiction Counselors Association (GACA)** for **joint recognition of each board's CCS** for the purposes of each board's clinical supervision requirements remain ongoing. We are optimistic, and we hope that such a joint recognition agreement can be reached between the two Georgia certification boards ahead of January 1, 2020. Regardless of the outcome, we appreciate the dialogue that has begun with GACA around this issue.*

\*denotes updates/changes from pre-July 1, 2019 requirements

We appreciate all our currently certified professionals as well as those seeking certification for your ongoing efforts to uphold high standards of ethics and clinical competencies. We are happy to answer any specific questions you may have. All inquiries should be directed via email to Amanda Finley, Board Administrator, at [info@adacbga.org](mailto:info@adacbga.org). If Amanda does not have your answer, she is the person that can communicate with the Executive Committee and full Board of Directors to get you any answers you may need!

Thank you.

Jane Furtner | President