

**CALIFORNIA RURAL INDIAN HEALTH BOARD, INC.**  
**Access To American Indian Recovery (AAIR)**

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**POLICY:**

1. An Alcohol and Other Drug Counselor (AOD) is an individual who is certified by a certifying organization approved by the state in which the individual is practicing.
  - a. If the individual is employed by IHS or a tribal organization and is providing services on a reservation, the individual is certified by a state, AND is practicing within the scope of practice of that state's certification.
  - b. Students and interns of AOD programs are not eligible to be AAIR providers. They may provide services, as allowed under their scope of practice, in healthcare facilities. Their outpatient counseling services may not be billed to AAIR unless their clinical supervisor is present during the counseling session.
  
2. Approved AOD Certifying Organizations are:
  - a. California – as approved by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs:
    - i. Association of Christian Alcohol & Drug Counselors Institute (CSAC – Certified Substance Abuse Counselor; CDAAC – Certified Drug, Alcohol and Addictions Counselor)
    - ii. Breining Institute (RAS – Registered Addiction Specialist)
    - iii. California Association of Alcohol & Drug Educators (CATC – Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor)
    - iv. California Association of Alcoholism & Drug Abuse Counselors (CADC – Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor; CCS – Certified Clinical Supervisor)
    - v. California Association of Drinking Driver Treatment Programs (AOD – Alcohol & Other Drug Counselor)
    - vi. Forensic Addictions Corrections Treatment (FACT – Forensic Addictions Corrections Treatment)
    - vii. IACC – Indian Alcohol Commission of California (SAC - Substance Abuse Counselor)
    - viii. California Association of Addiction Recovery Resources (CAARR)
    - ix. California Certification Board of Chemical Dependency Counselors (CCBCDC) – (Certified Addictions Specialist (CAS))
  - b. Idaho – as approved by the Idaho Board of Alcohol/Drug Counselor Certification (IBADCC)
    - i. CADC – Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor
    - ii. CCS – Certified Clinical Supervisor
    - iii. CPS – Certified Prevention Specialist
    - iv. QP – Qualified Professional. QP's are individuals who meet certain educational specifications and have applied for the Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor (CADC) exam. They are allowed to practice during the time between their

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application and the next testing cycle. QP's may be AAIR providers for a maximum period of 1 year or until the next testing cycle, which ever is soonest.

- v. CDC – Certified Drug Counselor (certified by NW Indian Alcohol/Drug Specialist Certification Board)
  
- c. Oregon – as approved by the Addiction Counselor Certification Board of Oregon.
  - i. CADC – Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor
  - ii. CPS – Certified Prevention Specialist
  - iii. NCC – National Certified Counselor (certified by the National Board for Certified Counselors).
  - iv. CDC – Certified Drug Counselor (certified by NW Indian Alcohol/Drug Specialist Certification Board)
- d. Washington – As approved by the Washington State Dept. of Health
  - i. CCDC – Certified Chemical Dependency Counselor
  - ii. CDP – Chemical Dependency Professional
  - iii. CDC – Certified Drug Counselor (certified by NW Indian Alcohol/Drug Specialist Certification Board)

- 3. AOD Counselors must be employed by a healthcare organization or by a Tribe that is providing healthcare services.

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**REFERENCES**

- 1. California - Cal Code of Regulations, CCR, Title 9, Division 4, Chapter 8, Subchapter 2, Section 13035
  
- 2. Washington - RCW, Title 18, Chapter 18.205, Section 18.205.20