



## Welcome to the Missouri Physicians Health Program (MPHP)

Our program is sponsored by the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA). We have no regulatory or statutory authority. The MPHP receives referrals from the Board of Healing Arts, The Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), and even the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). The MPHP does not report physicians to regulatory agencies unless they have been referred by that agency.

We also receive referrals from non-regulatory sources. When a physician is referred by a third party such as an employer, colleague, or family member, we may need to report to that third party, but only with the written consent of that physician.

We do not report any contact with a self-referred physician unless they give us consent to do so.

The MPHP has been provided as a source of assistance to physicians who are distracted by problems that may affect their ability to fully or safely practice their profession.

The MPHP does not diagnose or treat. We do not investigate or discipline. Our role is to provide advocacy and our mission is to help physicians return to healthy personal and professional lives.

If the referred physician disagrees with the referral to MPHP, it is their right and obligation to address their concerns with the entity referring them. The MPHP is only involved by referral.

The initial visit is free of charge. There is a cost for our services related to monitoring. Monitoring can be provided at the personal request of a physician or third party entity with the full consent of the physician.

When a physician referral involves assessment, treatment, or any service by a program other than the MPHP, the physician will pay their own expenses related to that service. There are options available and will be discussed before a decision is made.

Our services and those of other programs are highly specialized. There is an expense to anyone receiving these services. These expenses should be understood before you commit to any referral. If at any time, you are uncomfortable with any cost, please stop and ask questions. You do have options!

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