

POLICY # & TITLE	7.1 Definitions
PURPOSE	Describe the definitions to be used in the diagnosis and treatment of regulated members experiencing substance use disorders.
SCOPE	Applies to all regulated members experiencing substance use disorders.
NOTES	<p>“Regulated member” means any person who is registered or is required to be registered as a member of the CPSA.</p> <p>The term ‘substance use disorders’ remains consistent with current DSM-5 definitions as in Substance Related and Addictive Disorders.</p>

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POLICY STATEMENT

The Physician Health Monitoring Committee chooses to use the terms, including diagnostic criteria, as used in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th Edition, (DSM-5) as it most broadly encompasses the issues that may affect regulated members with Substance Related and Addictive Disorders.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Updates to DSM-5 Criteria and Text](#)

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Registrar is given the authority to determine competence, including continuing competence of regulated members. The HPA allows the Registrar to delegate functions and duties to another person or committee. The Registrar’s duties and responsibility under Part 3 of the HPA have been delegated to the Assistant Registrar(s) and/or Competence Committee responsible for continuing competence, including physician health monitoring.

APPROVAL

Council governing the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta

AUTHORITY DOCUMENTS

- [Health Professions Act](#)
- [CPSA Bylaws](#)
- [CPSA's Standards of Practice](#)
- [Code of Ethics & Professionalism](#)