

POLICY # & TITLE	7.2 Substance Use Disorders - Relapse
PURPOSE	Ensure regulated members are safe to practice and do not pose a risk to themselves, their patients or the public if their condition relapses during or following recovery for substance use disorders
SCOPE	Regulated members who relapse or at risk of relapse during or following recovery for substance use disorders that affect their ability to practice medicine safely
NOTES	<p>“Regulated member” means any person who is registered or is required to be registered as a member of the CPSA.</p> <p>Health conditions involving substance use disorders have the potential for a recurrence, known as a relapse. Identification of those at risk of relapse is essential during recovery.</p>

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POLICY STATEMENT

Regulated members who relapse while undergoing or following treatment may be required to undergo reassessment and/or additional treatment. They may be asked to temporarily withdraw from practice until reassessment and/or additional treatment can occur. The recommendations of any reassessment would usually be incorporated into any existing or new PHMP Agreement with the CPSA.

If consensus about reassessment and/or treatment cannot be reached between the physician and the Assistant Registrar, this matter may be referred to the Registrar and/or Complaints Director.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- [Principles and Framework of the Physician Health Monitoring Committee](#)
- [Physician Health Monitoring Agreements](#)
- [Physicians' Personal Health Information](#)

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*](#)