

## **PRS Staff**

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# PHARMACY REHABILITATION SERVICES



Maryland Board of Pharmacy Rehabilitation Service

## **Purpose**

The Pharmacy Rehabilitation Service (PRS) assists pharmacists, pharmacy technicians and their families who may be experiencing personal problems. The program is designed to help pharmacists with such problems as stress, drug dependence, alcoholism, depression, medical problems, infectious diseases, neurological disorders and other illnesses that cause impairment.

## Confidentiality

PRS provides a confidential, nondisciplinary avenue for pharmacists to seek appropriate help for problems. Referrals are completely confidential. Any pharmacist who seeks help through PRS as a self-referral can be assured that their information will be held in the strictest confidence.

## Advocacy

When a pharmacist enters into a treatment agreement with PRS and remains in compliance with all aspects of the agreement, PRS is able to provide written and verbal testimony and support of the pharmacist whenever it is needed. The most common example is when the pharmacist needs advocacy with regard to licensure issues. In other cases, PRS can advocate with the court system, employers, malpractice carriers, and other institutions.

Family members, employees, associates or friends concerned about a pharmacist may contact PRS.

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#### Many pharmacists are self-referred.

PRS acts as an advocate for the pharmacist with the State Licensing Board, insurance companies and law enforcement agencies as long as the pharmacist is compliant with treatment.

PRS first determines if the pharmacist actually has a problem. The pharmacist is contacted and urged to meet with a PRS counselor. If there is a problem then the pharmacist is referred for an evaluation. If treatment is recommended then a treatment agreement is drawn up between the pharmacist and PRS.

All information held by PRS is considered strictly confidential. Records are kept by the EAP program.

With the exception of those cases that are referred by the State Board or those cases that are a danger to themselves or others, no information is released without the pharmacist's written consent.

PRS welcomes calls and questions from family members that may be concerned about a pharmacist. We will work confidentially to provide assistance, support and guidance about the best way to intervene and assist a pharmacist with a problem.

PRS receives referrals from the Maryland Board of Pharmacy and is requested to evaluate, refer to treatment and monitor certain cases. In these instances, the case is not completely confidential because it was referred by the Board and was not a self-referral.

However, the Committee still serves a very important function in terms of advocating for the pharmacist that complies with the treatment agreement and monitoring requirements.

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