



Recovery Residence Registration in West Virginia

A recovery residence is defined as a “single family, drug-free, and alcohol-free residential dwelling unit, or other form of group housing, that is offered or advertised by any person or entity as a residence that provides a drug-free and alcohol-free living environment for the purposes of promoting sustained, long-term recovery from substance use disorder.”

Are all recovery residences required to be registered?

Yes. All persons, partnerships, associations, or corporations operating a recovery residence in the State of West Virginia are required to be registered pursuant to state law. However, all recovery residences are not required to be certified to operate and this process is separate from registration. However, there could be penalties for non-certified residences who receive state funds or certain referrals.

How does a recovery residence become registered?

To become registered, a recovery residence must complete an application and submit the application to the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification along with the required registration fee. The registration fee is \$250, which may be adjusted annually for inflation based upon the consumer price index. Each physical recovery residence address must be registered separately.

What data and when should the data be reported to the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification and the West Virginia Department of Human Services?

Recovery residences are required to report specified data quarterly to the Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification and the West Virginia Department of Human Services quarterly. For specific data that is required to be reported, please review Section 7 of the recovery residence legislative rule, available on our website. Failure to complete timely data reporting may result in the revocation of a recovery residence's registration.

Are there any penalties a recovery residence may receive and for what?

Yes. Recovery residences that operate without a valid Office of Health Facility Licensure and Certification registration may be fined up to \$20,000 per day. Non-certified recovery residences have other restrictions which if violated may result in criminal penalties. These are described in more detail on our website.

HOW CAN A COMPLAINT TO THE OFFICE OF HEALTH FACILITY LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION BE REPORTED?

Complaints may be made on our by complaint form online, email, phone, mail, or hotline. Visit oig.wv.gov/file-complaint today.

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