

Clarification:

Who can place an alcohol dependent member back on an aftercare program when member has relapsed?

Chapter 2 of the Health Promotion is correct. Once a member has a diagnosis alcohol dependent that diagnosis will not change. They only need to see a medical officer to concur that relapse has happened and member can be placed on another aftercare as noted below. Chapter 20 of the Personnel Manual is in the process of being updated to reflect the Health Promotions. Everything else in 20.B.2.1 pertaining to handling the case is correct. Health Promotion Manual COMDT INST 6000.1 (series) chapter 2.J.5:

Members with a confirmed diagnosis of alcohol dependence (a diagnosis made at a treatment facility and contained on the narrative summary prepared upon the member's discharge from the treatment facility) must abstain from alcohol use in order to maintain sobriety. When commanding officers/officers in charge observe that a recovering alcoholic (subsequent to successful completion of an aftercare program) is again consuming alcohol, the member will be referred to the CDAR and medical officer/physician for evaluation. The purpose of this evaluation is to reinstitute an aftercare program should it be confirmed that the member has relapsed. If relapse has occurred, an aftercare program will be reinstated for a minimum of six (6) months. This program will be documented in both the member's service record (per reference (a)) and health record. An initial aftercare report and follow-up aftercare reports will be submitted every three (3) months as above, with the notation "Second Aftercare" in the upper right corner. Personnel Manual COMDTINST M1000.6 (series) Chapter 20.B.2.1:

Members diagnosed, as alcohol-dependent must abstain from alcohol use to maintain sobriety. When commanding officers become aware that a recovering alcohol-dependent member, after successful completion of an aftercare program, is again consuming alcohol, he or she will (refer the member for alcohol screening to include consultation with a medical officer). An aftercare plan will be reinstated in accordance with the Health Promotions Manual, COMDTINST M6200.1 (series). This counseling, referral, aftercare program, and other pertinent information shall be recorded and acknowledged on a CG-3307 entry in the member's PDR for enlisted members or a letter for officers. The commanding officer, after reviewing the information pertinent to the case, will recommend separation, retention, or further treatment to Commander (CGPC-opm) or (CGPC-epm). A second episode (an occurrence of alcohol consumption without an associated incident) after completing any aftercare program by members who have been diagnosed as alcohol-dependent will result in separation from the Coast Guard.