



CLINICAL SUPERVISION REQUIREMENTS FOR CDCA'S

Frequently Asked Questions

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- **Where would I find a copy of the new rule?**

You can find a copy of the new rule (OAC 4758-6-15) on the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals website located at www.ocdp.ohio.gov.
- **Does the new rule apply to every CDCA?**

The rule applies for every individual that holds CDCA credential employed at a facility that is delivering substance use disorder treatment services or who is working in their scope of practice. (please see the question below regarding dually licensed individuals)
- **Who can clinically supervise a CDCA?**

A CDCA may be clinically supervised by an LCDC III & LICDC (if they are under clinical supervision); LICDC-CS; Physician; Psychologist; RN, CNP or CNS (if consistent with scope); LPCC, LPCC-S, LISW, LISW-S (if consistent with scope).
- **How often does a CDCA need to be clinically supervised?**

CDCA's must receive regular and consistent clinical supervision. The Board requires a minimum of one (1) hour of face to face Clinical Supervision for every 40 hours of work. The CDCA's are bound by a clinical code of ethics and need regular clinical supervision surrounding clinical boundaries, confidentiality, client's rights, consultation protocols, crisis intervention, policy and procedures, and ethics.
- **If I am working in a non-clinical role part of the time and a clinical role do still need to be supervised every 40 hours?**

Yes, every CDCA regardless of role must be supervised one-hour face to face for every 40 hours worked. The 40 hours included non-clinical hours and clinical hours.
- **Can the Face to Face supervision be done in a group?**

The face to face supervision can include a variety of methods such as group supervision, direct observation, video conferencing and individualized supervision sessions as the needs of the supervisee are identified.

- Does a CDCAs clinical supervisor need to be on-site?**
 A CDCA cannot practice as an independent practitioner nor can they practice without clinical supervision. Clinical supervision requires face-to-face sessions with the CDCA and review of a CDCAs clinical documentation. If the clinical supervisor is not on-site on a daily basis, they must be on-site at regular and consistent intervals to provide necessary clinical supervision. Additionally, they must be readily available during the CDCAs operating hours for immediate consultation.
- If I hold a CDCA and another professional license (such as an LSW/LISW, LPC/LPCC) do I need clinical supervision?**
 You would practice under the highest license that you hold and that license's scope would trump the CDCA scope. If that higher scope does not require clinical supervision, then you would not need clinical supervision. If the higher scope does require clinical supervision at a different interval than the CDCA, then you would follow that interval.
- Do CDCAs in non-clinical roles require clinical supervision?**
 The CDCA is a clinical certification and therefore requires clinical supervision regardless of work role. If a CDCA is working in a clinical environment they are required to receive 1 hour of face to face supervision for every 40 hours worked. The CDCA's are bound by a clinical code of ethics and need regular clinical supervision surrounding clinical boundaries, confidentiality, client's rights, consultation protocols, crisis intervention, policy and procedures, and ethics.
- Can a CDCA diagnose and/or complete the diagnostic portion of an assessment?**
 A CDCA cannot diagnose nor can they complete the diagnostic portion of an assessment.
- Can a CDCA supervise?**
 A CDCA cannot clinically supervise. Employers must make their own policy decisions regarding a CDCA performing administrative supervision.
- What should I do if I am not receiving the clinical supervision my credential requires?**
 You should not provide services if you are not receiving proper supervision. Discuss the matter with your clinical supervisor and/or your employer immediately. If that does not produce results you should contact the Board to discuss filing an ethics complaint.
- If I operate an agency that does not have a supervisor for my CDCA's what should I do?**
 You would recruit a supervisor that is eligible to clinically supervise the CDCA's. All CDCA's must receive clinical supervision. A CDCA may be clinically supervised by an LCDC III & LICDC (if they are under clinical supervision); LICDC-CS; Physician; Psychologist; RN, CNP or CNS (if consistent with scope); LPCC, LPCC-S, LISW, LISW-S (if consistent with scope).

- **Does a CDCA need supervisory sign off on clinical documentation?**

Please refer to your agencies policies and practices and/or any local, state or federal agency certification or accreditation requirements.