



SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM

OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

WHAT IS THE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

The Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) has partnered with OhioPHP to offer a safe haven program. This is a confidential path for individuals to seek help for burnout, mental health or substance use disorders. Once an individual is referred to the safe haven program, OhioPHP can provide referrals for community resources and is a therapeutic alternative to regulatory action for a chronic illness.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All OBN licensees and applicants of the Ohio Board of Nursing who may have issues impacting their health and well-being. This includes:

- Substance use disorders
- Mental health disorders
- Other potentially impairing illnesses

HOW DO I ACCESS THE SAFE HAVEN PROGRAM?

If you or someone you know needs support for a mental health disorder, substance use disorder or another potentially impairing condition, you can connect directly with OBN or OhioPHP to access screenings, assessments or referrals to treatment if deemed necessary.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE OBN?

In order to provide licensees with a therapeutic alternative to discipline that still protects the public, legislative changes have allowed the OBN to create a safe haven program administered by OhioPHP. The role of the OBN is to ensure that practitioners are safe to practice and to intervene on licensees when safe practice is no longer possible.

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF OHIOPHP?

OhioPHP is a nonprofit organization that has served healthcare professionals for over 30 years. The OhioPHP team consists of highly qualified clinical professionals that can assist healthcare professionals with a variety of issues impacting their health and well-being. The role of OhioPHP is to provide care coordination for individuals. This may include, screening, referrals for evaluation or treatment, and long-term disease management for chronic illnesses through therapeutic monitoring.

WHAT IF I PARTICIPATE IN A MULTI-STATE LICENSURE COMPACT?

Per Ohio law, an applicant cannot obtain, nor can a licensee retain the multistate license privilege when currently enrolled in the safe haven program. OhioPHP is required to notify the Board of Nursing of any licensee or applicant who enrolls in the safe haven program for deactivation of the multistate licensure privilege for the duration of the nurse's participation in the safe haven program. Participation will be noted on NURSYS.com for other Boards of Nursing.

If you or a colleague needs help, contact OhioPHP.

✉ info@ohiophp.org ☎ 614-600-3075 🌐 OhioPHP.org