



AVALON HEALTHCARE - TACOMA

## SUD & MOUD NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

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### **General Statement:**

Avalon Healthcare - Tacoma (the "Facility") is dedicated to providing compassionate and equitable care to all patients, regardless of their health conditions. This commitment extends to individuals who may have a Substance Use Disorder ("SUD") or who have been prescribed Medication for Opioid Use Disorder ("MOUD"). We believe that everyone deserves to be treated with dignity and respect and recognize that SUD and MOUD are medical conditions requiring understanding and support.

### **Scope:**

This policy applies to all patients seeking care at the Facility. It encompasses all aspects of patient care, including admission, treatment, support services, and discharge.

### **Equal Access to Care & Non-Discrimination:**

The Facility provides full and equal access to covered services for all patients, without discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, age, disability, marital status, or any other protected characteristic. This commitment to full and equal access includes individuals with SUD or MOUD. We are committed to providing non-discriminatory and comprehensive care to patients with SUD or MOUD.

### **Admission for Individuals with SUD or MOUD:**

When an individual with SUD or MOUD requests admission to the Facility, the Facility staff will make an individualized assessment to determine if the individual's current use of drugs poses a direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others. In making this individualized assessment, the Facility staff will review and consider the individual's medical history, diagnosis, treatment, and care plan requirements together with the qualifications of the Facility's clinical staff to provide the required care. The Facility will deny admission to the individual if the admission poses a direct threat to the health or safety of the individual or others but will not deny admission to individuals otherwise eligible for services on the basis of their SUD or MOUD.

### **Confidentiality:**

Information related to a patient's SUD and MOUD is considered confidential and will be treated with the utmost respect. Disclosure of such information will only occur on a need-to-know basis and in compliance with applicable privacy laws.

**Individualized Treatment Plans:**

All patients, including those with SUD or MOUD, receive individualized treatment plans that address their unique needs. These plans will be developed in collaboration with the patient, in accordance with their preferences and the highest standards of care.

**Patient Rights:**

All patients, including those with SUD or MOUD, have the right to be informed about their treatment options, participate in decisions about their care, and be treated with dignity and respect at all times. These rights are protected and upheld in accordance with relevant laws and regulations. Individuals with questions, concerns, or complaints may contact the Facility Administrator using the information provided below to address their issues.

**Compliance:**

This policy complies with all applicable federal, state, and local laws related to non-discrimination in healthcare and the rights of individuals with SUD and MOUD. If you believe the Facility has discriminated against an individual with disabilities based on a disability, you can file a complaint with the Facility by mail or phone at:

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