

Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP)

In the State of Maine, when you are convicted of Operating under the Influence, you are required to complete a Driver Education and Evaluation Program (DEEP) as part of the conditions to have your license reinstated. Options include an evaluation process, during which it may be determined that further treatment is necessary, or direct entry into treatment for offenders who acknowledge an existing substance abuse problem and are willing to continue voluntary participation in treatment.

GETTING STARTED

- Clients must contact the DEEP office at 626-8600 to complete the application forms and pay a **mandatory** \$300.00 fee for the 20-hour Risk Reduction Program or the 16-hour Under 21 program. This fee is paid directly to DEEP for their education program and does not cover the cost of services provided by OCMHS.
- Inform DEEP that you would like your **Evaluation** or your **Treatment** to be through OCMHS.
- DEEP sends the completed forms to OCMHS.
- Once DEEP paperwork is received, OCMHS will contact the client to schedule an appointment.
- Paperwork DEEP mails will indicate if client requires **Evaluation/Level of Care Assessment** or **Treatment**.
- DEEP Evaluations require at least 2-4 visits (An interview with a “Concerned Other” required).
- After **Evaluation**, if further **Treatment** is required, according to state guidelines, you will be referred to a different provider than the provider who performed the Evaluation.

INSURANCE

- DEEP **Evaluations/Level of Care Assessments** are not covered by Maine Care, but MaineCare **will** cover Substance Abuse Therapy.
- Most private insurances do not cover Substance Abuse Therapy. Client should call insurance company to inquire if they think this may be a covered service.
- If Treatment is required by DEEP and is not covered by insurance, client will be responsible for full treatment fee of \$84.00 per hour, due at the time of the appointment.
- Sliding Scale coverage does not apply for DEEP Services.

TREATMENT

- The first and second treatment appointments must be at least 5 days apart. There is no set schedule for additional appointments.
- The Substance Abuse Counselor determines diagnosis & phase of progression.
- DEEP Treatment lasts between 6 and 18 visits. Length of treatment is determined by diagnosis & DEEP recommendations (Based on DEEP Regulations Chapter 2 Section L).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- The client needs to provide the Substance Abuse Counselor with a copy of the Police Report.
- Counselor will send paperwork to DEEP within 2 weeks of the **Evaluation/Treatment** completion.

If you have additional questions, please contact the DEEP office at 626-8600.