

## INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Individual membership in the Association of Alcoholism & Addictions Programs (AAP) is open to individuals who support the mission and activities of the Association. Members agree to abide by the A.A.P. Code of Ethics. *All applications for membership are subject to a vote of approval by the membership and must include initial dues payment.* Membership will begin the month following application approval. **Membership dues are \$250 per fiscal year (July 1 through June 30).**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_, WA. ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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### CODE OF ETHICS (Please read and sign as part of the application):

Whereas a major goal of the Association of Alcoholism & Addictions Programs in Washington State is to demonstrate and promote ethical standards and practices in the provision of chemical dependency treatment, member organizations agree to abide by the following principles:

- *Treatment shall reflect adherence to the following accepted philosophy:*
  - *Alcoholism and other drug addiction is a primary, diagnosable, treatable disease for which abstinence is the foundation for recovery.*
  - *Alcoholism and other drug addiction is not a mental disorder, nor is it a matter of morals, intellect or willpower.*
  - *A person with alcoholism or other drug addiction can never return to the use of alcohol or other mood-altering chemicals without adverse effects.*
  - *A return to drinking or drug use during recovery is viewed as a sign of relapse and not an indication of failure of the individual or program.*
  - *Every effort should be made to include the family and significant others in treatment.*
  - *Treatment should encourage involvement with 12-step or other abstinence-based self-help groups during and after completion of professional treatment.*
  - *Treatment will be offered only in discrete setting under the supervision of knowledgeable chemical dependency professionals.*
  - *There shall be no personal or financial exploitation of patients.*
  - *Each organization shall conscientiously assess its own role and limitations in consideration of the recovery of the patient and family, and it shall refer to other services and professionals according to the best interests of the patient and family.*
- *Members must not utilize any form of false or misleading advertising, must not exploit patients and or families, and must not engage in competitive practices that are predatory or destructive to a collaborative marketplace. There shall be no financial exploitation of third-party payers.*
- *Treatment organizations will not advertise their services in a manner that implies or expresses that recovery is simple or effortless and will not make negative reference to other treatment modalities or programs.*
- *Respect for the integrity and interests of other member organizations shall be preserved, and suspected violation of this Code of Ethics by another member shall be handled in the manner set forth in the bylaws.*

**AGREEMENT:** As a member of the Association of Alcoholism and Addictions Programs in Washington State, I support the Code of Ethics of the association as stated above and will endeavor to follow these ethical practices in providing substance use disorder treatment services.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Individual Member Applicant* \_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

Please return signed application with your dues check for \$250 payable to "AAP" to:

**AAP, c/o GDM Private Financial Solutions, 11400 SE 8<sup>th</sup> St., Suite 215, Bellevue WA 98004**