



**County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health**

INFORMATION NOTICE 14-11

Date September 16, 2014

To Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Staff and Contract Agencies

From CaSonya Thomas, MPA, CHC, Director 

Subject Breining Institute Accreditation Termination effective August 28, 2014.

Purpose This Information Notice (IN) serves as notice to DBH and DBH Contract Agency Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) counselors registered and certified by Breining Institute prior to August 29, 2014, must be re-registered or certified with another Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) approved Certifying Organization (CO) by no later than March 19, 2015, which is a six (6) month deadline.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Failure to re-register or certify within the required timeframes will result in the AOD counselor no longer having a valid registration or certification and shall not be allowed to provide services, which may also result in disallowance of services.

Introduction [DHCS Information Notice 14-028](#) provided DBH notice effective August 28, 2014, Breining Institute is no longer an approved CO as a result of termination for accreditation with the Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCAA)/Institute for Credentialing Excellence (ICE). DBH is directing AOD staff and contract providers to make changes as detailed in this IN.

Notice to AOD Counselors Breining Institute had five (5) days from the date of termination notice from DHCS to send notification to each AOD counselor informing them of their rights and responsibilities as specified in the regulation.

If the AOD counselor did not receive written notification from Breining Institute, DHCS has incorporated a 15-day grace period into the six (6) month deadline.

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**Approved
Certifying
Organization's**

Before expiration of his/her certification or within six (6) months of the notice (whichever occurs first), the AOD counselor shall register with one of the following approved CO's:

Agency	Contact Information
Addiction Counselor Certification Board of California affiliated with California Association for Alcohol and Drug Educators	5230 Clark Avenue, Suite 3 Lakewood, CA 90712 Phone: (707) 722-2231 Fax: (562) 866-2540 www.caade.org
American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders	731 South Highway 101, Suite 1E Solana Beach, CA 92075 Phone: (888) 429-3701 www.americanacademy.org
California Association of Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Treatment Programs	1731 Howe Avenue, PMB #352 Sacramento, CA 95825-2209 Phone: (800) 464-3597 www.cadtp.org
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals	2400 Marconi Avenue P.O. Box 214127 Sacramento, CA 95821 Phone: (916) 338-9460 www.ccapp.us

**AOD Counselor
Rights and
Responsibilities**

The AOD counselor's rights and responsibilities include the following:

- Certification remains valid until it expires only if the certified counselor re-registers as required;
- New certifying organization shall give credit for any continuing education credits earned while certified by the former certifying organization;
- New certifying organization shall give registrants sufficient credit for education and experience completed to place the registrant at an equivalent level in the new certifying organization.

Questions

Any questions regarding this Information Notice may be directed to the Department of Behavioral Health Alcohol and Drug Services at **(909)421-4601** or the Office of Compliance at **(909) 388-0879**.