§ 32.05-a Certified recovery residences.

1. The commissioner shall promulgate regulations consistent with this section for the voluntary certification of certified recovery residences.

2. Such regulations shall be evidence-based, utilizing information from sources with expertise in treatment and recovery. Such regulations shall, at a minimum, provide guidance for:

(a) staffing;

(b) referrals to and coordination with community and peer based supports including support related to co-occurring disorders;

(c) resident safety;

(d) resident rights;

(e) confidentiality;

(f) reoccurance support;

(g) application of tenants rights;

(h) administrative and operational policies and procedures; and

(i) housing standards which shall meet or exceed the housing quality standards for safe and habitual housing which are established by local housing codes.

3. Once the commissioner has certified a location as a certified recovery residence, such certified recovery residence shall be included on the office's website as an available option for individuals seeking such an environment.

4. The commissioner shall regulate and ensure that residences which are certified to be certified recovery residences are continuing to meet the requirements of this section. The commissioner has the authority to inspect such certified recovery residences and impose penalties, including limiting, revoking or suspending a certification, as appropriate, for failure to comply with the provisions of this section.