



**MISSOURI PHYSICIANS
HEALTH PROGRAM**

The Physician Lifeline: Preserving Physicians' Lives

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If you are concerned about a colleague, friend, or relative that could benefit from our assistance, call Mary Fahey for a confidential consultation.

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How does the MPHP help satisfy The Joint Commission hospital requirements?

The Joint Commission (TJC) requires each medical staff to implement a process to identify and manage matters of individual physician health, separate from their disciplinary function. TJC recognizes the value of physician health programs for helping distressed physicians and can assist in determining that a physician is practicing safe medicine.

How can I support the mission of the MPHP?

As a 501(c)3 not-for-profit corporation, the MPHP welcomes tax-deductible donations from individuals, professional organizations, and hospitals to support vital program services. Please also consider including us in your estate planning.

What is the relationship between the MPHP and the Missouri regulatory agencies?

We maintain a positive working relationship with regulatory agencies and thus can speak on behalf of our participants when licensure issues arise. Our goal is to obtain the best possible outcome for our physicians.

The Missouri Physicians Health Program staff is here to help you. Call Mary Fahey for a confidential consultation.

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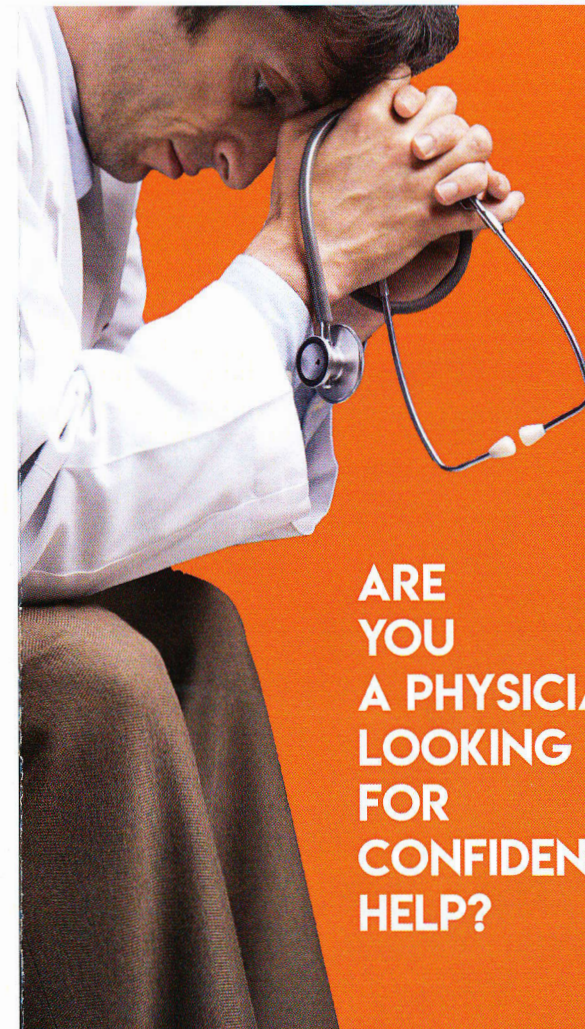
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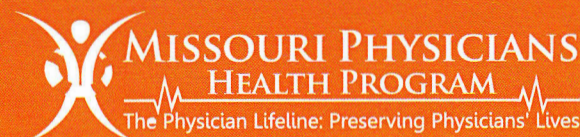


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Mission Statement

The MPHP, sponsored by the Missouri State Medical Association, is available to all Missouri physicians, and is designed to facilitate the physician's return to healthy personal and professional functioning through early identification, intervention, and treatment.

Who can be referred to the program?

Any Missouri physician, including residents and medical students.

What is the process that is followed after the referral?

We ask the individual to meet with us in a confidential setting for a no-cost consultation. An informal assessment is done to determine the best course of action. If appropriate, an intervention may be conducted when substance abuse is present.

What treatment is available?

We do not diagnose or treat. We provide referrals to board-approved facilities that can diagnose and treat. The MPHP has a network of the best treatment resources in the field. Throughout treatment, the MPHP will coordinate the care of the physician.

What type of aftercare and monitoring is available?

Monitoring length is dependent upon individual needs. Most often the MPHP monitors the aftercare recommendations from the treating facility for a period of 2-5 years. We provide support throughout the monitoring process to ensure that the physician is maintaining their cooperation and progress. Monitoring is critical to the participant's success.

What is advocacy?

Advocacy is on-going support that includes relationships with outside treatment facilities as well as regulatory agencies. Our financial independence means objectivity and freedom to act with the physician's best interests in mind. We are independent of licensure agencies such as the Board of Healing Arts (BHA), Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs (BNDD), and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). With the physician's consent, we will provide progress reports to hospitals, practice partners, and when indicated the involved regulatory agency.

Program Services

- Education
- Consultations
- Interventions where appropriate
- Referral for treatment
- Monitoring
- Advocacy

Does the MPHP address problems other than substance abuse?

Yes. They include the following:

- Mental health including stress-related problems such as burnout
- Behavioral health including disruptive behavior
- Boundary violations including sexual misconduct
- Licensure issues
- Family related issues
- End of career transition
- Physical illness

Does the MPHP provide services throughout the state?

Yes, we have talented professionals, and monitoring, groups throughout the state.



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