



## SOBER LIVING HOMES LICENSING FACT SHEET

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

#### Legislation

Legislation passed in 2018 (Laws 2018, Ch. 194), which required the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to adopt rules to establish minimum standards and requirements for the licensure of sober living homes in order to ensure the health and safety of Arizonans

#### Rules

The rules for the licensure of sober living homes are final and effective as of **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019**. The rules are available on our website.

### WHO NEEDS TO BE LICENSED AS A SOBER LIVING HOME?

**Anyone who is operating a facility that meets the statutory definition of a sober living home must obtain a license from ADHS to operate legally in Arizona.**

A.R.S. §36-2061(3) defines a sober living home as:

“...any premises, place or building that provides alcohol-free or drug-free housing and that:

- Promotes independent living and life skills development.
- May provide activities that are directed primarily toward recovery from substance use disorders.
- Provides a supervised setting to a group of unrelated individuals who are recovering from substance use disorders.
- Does not provide any medical or clinical services or medication administration on-site, except for verification of abstinence.”

### WHEN WILL SOBER LIVING HOMES BE LICENSED?

**ADHS will begin accepting applications**

- ADHS will begin accepting applications on July 1, 2019 and after.** Facilities must be licensed by ADHS to be in compliance before operations begin at any location.

### DO HOMES CERTIFIED BY AZRHA NEED TO BE LICENSED?

**Yes, if they meet the statutory definition of a sober living home.**

- AZRHA certification may help expedite the licensure process, as ADHS does not need to conduct an initial inspection before licensing a certified sober living home, pursuant to A.R.S. §36-2064(B).
- All sober living homes are required to comply with Arizona Revised Statutes Title 36, Chapter 18, Article 4 and Arizona Administrative Code Title 9, Chapter 12.

### HOW CAN I OBTAIN A LIST OF LICENSED SOBER LIVING HOMES?

**Pursuant to A.R.S. §36-2066:**

- The names and telephone number of each licensed sober living home will be available on our website.
- The statute requires ADHS to keep the **addresses of sober living homes confidential**, so they will not be available to the general public.

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