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Dear Preceptor,

The College deeply values the time and commitment of all of our preceptors and rotation sites and wants to maintain open and active communication with preceptors. As is the case with all health care professionals, some pharmacy students experience problems that result in their active participation in the Arkansas Pharmacy Support Group (ARPSG), which is the entity recognized by the College for the provision of assistance and monitoring of substance abuse and addiction problems by all persons licensed by the Arkansas State Board of Pharmacy. Clearly the nature of the problems requiring students to enter the ARPSG carry the risk of harm and possible legal consequences to the student, the specific practice sites, and a potential for harm to the public; thus assigning students under contract and holding advocacy with the ARPSG into their experiential rotations poses several challenges. We recognize that it is unfair to you, your business or institution to place such students in the practice site without any knowledge of the student's status. However, regulations covering privacy in educational institutions do not allow the College to provide prior notification to preceptors. The College feels it is important for preceptors to have the opportunity to indicate whether they are willing to accept students in recovery and holding advocacy from the ARPSG into their practice settings. As part of their advocacy agreement these students are required to disclose to their preceptors their status and advocacy with the ARPSG prior to beginning the practice experience.

In order to facilitate the assignment of students under contract and holding advocacy with the ARPSG to their experiential sites we are creating a pool of preceptors and sites that are willing to have such students on rotation. To help us develop this pool, please indicate below whether or not you and your practice site would be willing to be included in this pool. The dual goal of this approach is to address the following needs:

- (1) the students' protection from potential bias or unfair grading practices
- AND**
- (2) the preceptors' foreknowledge and consent to the presence of a student under monitoring in the practice environment

If you choose to be in the pool, you will be eligible to have such students on rotation. If you choose not to be in the pool then such students will never be assigned to you. To provide you additional information, we have included an overview of the ARSPG and what the contract with students in need of advocacy entails.

In closing, regardless of whether you and your practice site participate in this pool the College values you and your practice site and thus respects your decision whatever it may be. Therefore, there is no need to justify your reason for selecting or not selecting to be in the pool. If you choose not to be in the pool, we understand, and you will not be assigned such students on your rotation.



Preceptor Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

- Yes, I agree to have students that are under contract and holding advocacy from the ARSPG on rotation at my practice site.
- No, I do not agree to have students that are under contract and holding advocacy from the ARSPG on rotation at my practice site.

Professionally,

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