Recovery Residence Certification Readiness and Operating Development

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What to have ready

Each item ties to NARR Standard 3.0 (NARR Standard 3.0, November 2018 [https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/NARR_Standard_V.3.0_release_11-2018.pdf]) or the NARR page named.

- Your state affiliate's certification standards and checklist, since criteria differ by state (NARR certification page [https://narronline.org/affiliates/certification/]).
- A statement of the level you operate at, since the Standard's rules are marked by level.
- Administrative policies and records for the Administrative Operations domain.
- A description of each house for the Physical Environment domain. The affiliate's process governs any building review; IHS does not assess buildings.
- Your recovery support practices and resident meeting records for the Recovery Support domain.
- Your neighbor and community relations procedures for the Good Neighbor domain.
- A written grievance policy. Standard 3.0 marks this item, under its Standard 7, as applying at all four levels, and it covers a resident's route to the operator's oversight organization for a grievance that stays unresolved (NARR Standard 3.0, November 2018 [https://narronline.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/NARR_Standard_V.3.0_release_11-2018.pdf]).
- House rules that keep the residence free of alcohol and illicit substances and describe your social model approach (NARR standards page [https://narronline.org/standards/]).
- Staff roles and the staffing pattern for each house, since staffing is one of the ways the levels differ (NARR standards page [https://narronline.org/standards/]).
- For a Level III residence, confirmation of whether your state requires a license (NARR standards page [https://narronline.org/standards/]).