

MEDICAL AMNESTY PROGRAM (MAP)

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PURPOSE

The Medical Amnesty Program (MAP) at UC San Diego promotes community wellbeing and safety by reducing barriers to seeking medical treatment for emergencies involving alcohol, controlled substances, and public health-related communicable diseases. This program applies both to individuals seeking help for their own personal use and to those providing assistance to others in a medical crisis.

MAP is a key component of UC San Diego's Bystander Intervention Model, which aims to address the well-being of all Students by reducing relationship violence, stalking, sexual assault, and the overconsumption and/or misuse of alcohol and controlled substances. In alignment with California Assembly Bill 602 and UC Systemwide policy, MAP establishes pathways for referral to appropriate rehabilitation or intervention programs and other resolution pathways.

ELIGIBILITY

Students and Student Organizations will not be subject to the formal student conduct process or subject to disciplinary action if any of the following provisions apply:

I. Medical Treatment

Any Student who receives medical treatment for the personal use of alcohol or drugs, and subsequently completes an appropriate rehabilitation program (see Protocol section below) will not be subject to disciplinary action under PACAOS, Appendix H, or other campus regulations for personal use violations of Section 102.17 or 102.18, or related campus alcohol or drug policies provided the following conditions are met:

- This provision only applies to disciplinary action related to personal-use alcohol or drug violations;
- This provision does not apply to allegations of serious misconduct, such as but not limited to, manufacturing, distribution, dispensing, or sale of alcohol or controlled substances; physical violence; sexual violence; hazing; or violations of other University policies;
- Amnesty granted under this provision for the personal use of alcohol or drugs does not preclude the University from addressing other alleged misconduct;
- This provision only applies to individual Students. Registered Student Organizations may be eligible under the Responsible Reporting or Public Health provisions of MAP.

II. **Responsible Reporting**

A Student or Registered Student Organization may be eligible for Medical Amnesty when all of the following conditions are met:

- A Student is not already covered by the Medical Treatment provision,
- A Student or Registered Student Organization seeks help by initiating contact with a University or Public Official, such as a House Advisor/Resident Advisor, University Safety Official, Police Officer, Staff Member, etc. during a medical emergency involving alcohol or controlled substances, AND
- No other major University Standards of Conduct (e.g. disorderly conduct, distribution of controlled substances, hazing, assault/battery, vandalism, etc.) were violated during the same incident by the Student or Student Organization eligible for Medical Amnesty.

III. **Public Health Related Incidents**

A Student or Registered Student Organization may be eligible for Medical Amnesty when all of the following conditions are met:

- The incident involves a violation of Health and Safety Requirements during a declared public health emergency (e.g., communicable disease outbreaks).
- The Student or Student Organization communicates this violation in good faith either while receiving medical treatment or during an authorized public health process such as contact tracing.
- The Student or Student Organization did not intentionally or recklessly expose others during the incident (e.g. knowingly infecting another person, recklessly disregarding Health and Safety Requirements, or prior knowledge of an involved student's positive status, etc.); AND
- No other major University Standards of Conduct (e.g. disorderly conduct, distribution of controlled substances, hazing, assault/battery, or vandalism, etc.) were violated during the same incident by the Student or Student Organization eligible for Medical Amnesty.

Students or Registered Student Organizations may not receive amnesty under the same eligibility provision more than once per academic quarter.

Students participating as a complainant or witness in an investigation under the Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment (SVSH) Policy will generally not be subject to the formal student

conduct process for related violations at or near the time of the incident. This also applies to Students participating in an Alternative Resolution process under the SVSH Policy.

PROTOCOL

I. Medical Treatment Provision:

Students whose incidents are addressed under the Medical Treatment provision will meet with a designated University official to discuss the opportunity to complete an appropriate rehabilitation or intervention program.

At this meeting, the designated University official and the student will discuss the options for appropriate programs, requirements under this provision, and a reasonable timeline by which the program must be completed.

Students who successfully complete the agreed upon program will not be subject to disciplinary action related to violations underlying the personal use of drugs or alcohol.

Students who fail or decline to complete an appropriate rehabilitation or intervention program may be subject to disciplinary action for the underlying alcohol or drug related policy violation in accordance with PACAOS and other applicable campus policies.

II. Responsible Reporting and Public Health Provisions:

Students and Registered Student Organizations whose incidents are addressed under Responsible Reporting or Public Health provisions will meet with a Student Conduct Officer to discuss their participation in an appropriate educational intervention. Students and Registered Student Organizations will not be subject to the formal student conduct process or receive administrative sanctions (e.g. Formal Warning, Probation, etc.) for eligible violations.

Individual Students will meet with their Dean of Student Affairs or designee, or with SAGE staff.

Principal Members of Registered Student Organizations will meet with the Executive Director for the Center for Student Involvement or their designee.

Students from the **School of Medicine** and **Skaggs School of Pharmacy** are eligible for all provisions of MAP. However, participation in MAP does not preclude those schools from addressing violations of their respective professional conduct standards.

MAP does not prevent those required by local, state or federal law from reporting, charging or taking other action related to a Student or non-affiliate (e.g. minor in possession citation by police, mandated reporting under Sexual Violence and Sexual Harassment Policy, public health contact tracing, etc.).

RECORD KEEPING

MAP records will be maintained by SAGE for seven years from the end of the academic year in which the incident was resolved. Records may include any related incident reports, communication, confirmations of completion of a program, and/or documentation associated with the incident.

MAP records will not be reported as part of any conduct record checks for Students and Student Organizations. However, they may be considered when determining sanctions for any future student conduct violations committed by Students and Student Organizations. MAP incidents involving Student Organizations will be included on the University's [Student Organization Case Status Summary page](#).

RELATED INFORMATION

- [California Assembly Bill 602](#)
- [Policies Applying to Campus Activities, Organizations and Students \(PACAOS\) 100.00 - Policy on Student Conduct and Discipline](#)