

H.847 Draft Proposed Amendments, 3/18/24

1. Amend “Recovery Support Services” definition:

“Recovery Support Services” means a set of culturally competent, nonclinical, evidence-based activities provided consistent with the Code of Ethics for Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists and coordinated through a written individualized recovery plan of care that documents a substance use disorder and reflects the need and preferences of the individual in achieving the specific, individualized, measurable goals specified in the plan. “Recovery support services” are provided in a mutual relationship by an individual with lived experience of either being in recovery from a substance use disorder or being closely acquainted with someone in recovery from a substance use disorder, and include a range of social and other services that facilitate recovery from substance use disorder, support health and wellness, and link individuals with service providers and other supports shown to improve quality of life for persons, and their families, in and seeking recovery from substance use. “Recovery support services” do not include the provision of psychotherapy as defined in section 4082 of this title.”

2. Amend “Recovery Support Specialist” to “Peer Recovery Support Specialist” throughout the bill (21 times).

3. Code of Ethics Proposed Amendment:

26 V.S.A. § 3191

Add:

(4) “Code of Ethics for Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialists” means the code of ethics for certified peer recovery support specialists approved and adopted by the Department of Health.