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**SUBSTANTIVE POLICY STATEMENT REGARDING SCOPE OF
PRACTICE COMPLAINTS FOR CERTIFIED SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELORS**

This substantive policy statement is advisory only. A substantive policy statement does not include internal procedural documents that only affect the internal procedure of the agency and does not impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties or include confidential information or rules made in accordance with the Arizona Administrative Procedure Act. If you believe that this substantive policy statement does impose additional requirements or penalties on regulated parties, you may petition the agency under A.R.S. §41-1033 for a review of the statement.

A.R.S. §32-3251(8) provides as follows: “Practice of substance abuse counseling” means the direct application of professional counseling techniques to persons who are dependent on or abuse substances and to persons who are affected by that dependency or abuse. Practice of substance abuse counseling includes the use of psychotherapy for the purpose of diagnosis, evaluation and treatment of substance abuse and chemical dependency in individuals, couples, families and groups.

A CSAC employed by an agency licensed by OBHL who is practicing in compliance with OBHL rules will be deemed to be practicing within the CSAC’s scope of practice as defined in A.R.S. §32-3251(8).