



## Code of Ethics for Professional Staff

In addition to any other Code of Ethics imposed by my professional credentialing organization, I hereby affirm that I will strictly adhere to the following principles that represent New Season's "Code of Ethics for Professional Staff":

- I shall assert the ethical principles of autonomy, beneficence and justice as a guide to my professional conduct
- I shall not discriminate against clients or professionals based on race, religion, age, gender, disability, national ancestry, sexual orientation or economic condition
- I shall espouse objectivity and integrity and maintain the highest standards in the services I offer
- I recognize that the addiction treatment profession is based on national standards of competency that promote the best interests of society, of my patients, of myself and of the profession as a whole. I also recognize the need for the ongoing education as a component of professional competency
- I shall uphold the legal and accepted moral codes which pertain to professional conduct
- I shall honestly respect the limits of present knowledge in public statements concerning opioid/opiate addiction and other forms of addiction as well
- I shall respect the integrity and protect the welfare of the patient or group with whom I am working
- I shall embrace, as a primary obligation, the duty of protecting the rights of my patients and will not disclose confidential information acquired in teaching, practice or investigation without appropriately executed consent
- I shall safeguard the integrity of the counseling relationship and shall ensure that the patient has reasonable access to effective treatment
- I shall treat colleagues with respect, courtesy and fairness, and will afford the same to other professionals
- I shall establish financial arrangements in professional practice in accord with the professional standards that safeguard the best interests of the patient first, and then the counselor, New Season, and the profession
- That I shall to the best of my ability – and within the parameters established by New Season for the conduct of such activities – actively engage in the legislative process, educational institutions, and the general public to change public policy legislation to make possible opportunities and choice of service for all human beings of any ethnic or social background whose lives are impaired by opioid/opiate addiction.

New Season wishes to acknowledge and thank the National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) for permission to use the NAADAC Code of Ethics as the model for this Code of Ethics.