

ADVISORY OPINION
OPERATIONAL DEFINITION OF "IMPAIRMENT"

IMPAIRMENT displayed by an individual licensed or certified by this Board is behavior, cognitive processing, and/or decision-making that, projected to its conclusion, causes harm and/or the potential for harm to patients and/or the public. A single act, event and/or events constituting an imminent or clear and present danger to patient and public safety may demonstrate impairment. If the Board determines a licensee or certificate holder had demonstrated impairment, it may discipline and/or monitor the individual.

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