

WEST VIRGINIA CODE: §55-7K-1

§55-7K-1. Limiting civil liability for certain behavioral health facilities and residential recovery facilities providing crisis stabilization services and/or drug and alcohol detoxification services, substance use disorder services, and/or drug overdose services on a short-term basis.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, no behavioral health facility that is licensed in this state, another state, or operated by the state, or one of its political subdivisions, and no residential recovery facility certified by or meeting the standards of a national certifying body, nor any of their directors, officers, employees, and agents shall be liable for injury or civil damages related to the provision of short-term crisis stabilization and/or drug and alcohol detoxification services, substance use disorder services, drug overdose services, and/or withdrawal services to the extent the injury or damages arise from an individual's refusal of services, election to discontinue services, failure to follow the orders or instructions of a facility, voluntary departure, elopement, or abandonment from a facility, with or without notice to others, so long as the services are offered in good faith, the facility does not require payment from the individual receiving the services, and the injury or damages are not proximately caused by the gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct of the facility, or its directors, officers, employees, or agents.