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Help for Veterinarians

Georgia PHP, Inc. now monitors veterinarians, licensed with the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine, who may be suffering with substance use disorders or mental health issues.

The **Georgia Professional Health Program, Inc. (GAPHP)** is pleased to announce that a recent agreement was signed with the **Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine** to monitor licensed **veterinarians** in the state of Georgia who may be struggling with substance use disorders or mental health disorders. **Veterinarians** are now able to obtain the same monitoring services provided for physicians, physician assistants, respiratory therapists, and other healthcare professionals enrolled with the **GAPHP**.

The **GAPHP** has been contracted with the Georgia Composite Medical Board and providing monitoring services for healthcare professionals since 2012. The primary goal of the **GAPHP** is to help professionals return to the practice of medicine and to do so when they can practice with safety. We welcome the opportunity to extend our services to **veterinarians** as well.

The **GAPHP** is a statewide, not-for-profit foundation established to carry out the legislated authority of the Georgia Composite Medical Board. The **GAPHP** is not a treatment provider, but does deliver initial triage, referral to treatment and long-term monitoring services for healthcare professionals, **and now veterinarians**, with substance use disorders and other mental health disorders.

Dr. Paul Earley, a nationally recognized addiction medicine physician, is medical director of the Georgia PHP and Robin F. McCown is executive director.

More information about Georgia PHP can be found by visiting: www.gaphp.org