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# **NEW: Treatment Modifications Request**



In October 2025, the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board approved a new process to allow SOMB providers to request permission to modify from the SOMB Standards. The goal of this new process is to allow providers the flexibility they need to meet the treatment needs of their clients.

# Changing with the Times

## Updated Guidance



In 2023, the SOMB received updated guidance that any individual in the state of Colorado convicted or adjudicated for a sex offense, must receive treatment that is compliant with the Adult or Juvenile Standards and Guidelines. Specifically, those individuals who were recommended to treatment which was typically referred to as "Boundaries" and/or "Health Sexuality", should be referred to an SOMB Approved Provider, and treatment should comply with the SOMB Standards. As there is no oversite or consistency for those specific treatment concepts or modalities, bringing those under the standards provides consistency and accountability throughout the field.



When this guidance was shared with the field, significant concerns were raised. Recognizing the concerns, staff turned to the Board for further guidance.

## Board Directive & Collaborative Efforts

The Board directed the Best Practices and Adult Standards Revisions Committee to discuss these issues and make recommendations on how to address the concerns.

The Best Practices and Adult Standards Revisions Committees both discussed the issue at length and it was determined a Workgroup would be formed to determine next steps, including the possibility of Standards Revisions.

The Treatment Modifications Workgroup met several times and discussed a number of possibilities. This workgroup reviewed both the Adult and Juveniles Standards, and reviewed available data from the SOMB Provider Data Management System. After reviewing multiple proposals for guidance and revisions, it was determined that not enough was known about which standards caused barriers and how often they occurred to be certain that any revisions to the Standards would be effective.

In order to collect additional information, it was proposed that a procedure be created to allow providers to request a modification without having to proceed with the full variance process. Using the Variance form as a template, the Treatment Modifications Request Form was created.

The Board approved the process in October 2025, to be initiated in January 2026. All information collected through the jotform will be analyzed after 1 year and reported back to the Board. Recommendations for any changes in standards, policies or produces will be made based on the data collected. It is the hope of the Board and staff that the data will help identify consistent barriers in the standards, if any.



## Application of RNR in Practice

The goal of the Treatment Modifications Request is to allow treatment providers to conduct treatment based on the Individualized Risks and Needs of the client. Feedback received during the workgroup process indicated there are barriers that cause Low or Below average risk to be subject to treatment or supervision that are excessive in dosage and intensity. Although most treatment curriculum allow for flexibility, for certain clients who are considered outliers in terms of risk, the standards pose barriers. For well below average clients, the topic of child contact, sibling contact, polygraphs and requirements of the Core Concepts were provided as examples.

The intent of this form is to allow treatment providers and other members of CST/MDT's to identify which standards are posing barriers, specifically for clients who are below or well below average risk and/or needs.

Although she could be used in other situations, this process was primarily targeted at clients often are ordered by the Court and referred to "Boundaries" or "Healthy Sexuality". Given that these concepts are already a part of the Core Treatment Concepts, treatment providers should then determine which standards would post barriers

# Treatment Modification Request Process

## Requesting a Modification



The Jotform requires the following information:

Provider Information

Client Information

Risk & Need Level (static and dynamic)

Information on what indicated the need for the modification

Standards that need to be modified/that are a barrier

How the standards are being modified

Victim and Community Safety Considerations Timeframe for the Modification

Supporting Evidence

Support from the CST/MDT (if available)

*Click the button below to see or use the form.*

Treatment Modification Request



## Review Process

1. Upon submission, requests will be reviewed by SOMB Staff to determine the following:
  - If the Modification is needed/if the Standards allow for flexibility already
    - In this case, staff will provide technical assistance.
  - If there is missing information or questions, staff will contact the provider.
2. Once the staff review is completed, and the request is needed, it will be forwarded to the ARC.
3. ARC will review the request. If the decision is unanimous, the ARC can approve the request and allow the provider to modify treatment as requested.
  - ARC will also identify how often the provider will need to update the ARC on modifications or any other conditions they feel are appropriate.
4. If the ARC cannot unanimously decide, it will be forwarded to the Board.
5. The ARC may also request a full variance, if needed.



## Resources

Webinar on [Treatment Modifications Process](#)