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Ms. Cheri Swensson, Executive Director
American Academy of Health Care
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Dear Ms. Swensson:

Congratulations on behalf of the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) on your recent receipt of accreditation through the National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

ADP's counselor certification regulations reflect the importance of the health and safety of individuals seeking treatment and recovery services in ADP-licensed facilities and certified programs. NCCA has been an accrediting body for over 30 years, and is the national leader in setting quality standards for credentialing organizations. There has to be a level of oversight, monitoring and accountability for a certifying organization to validate its competence. This requirement has been met by the American Academy of Health Care Providers in the Addictive Disorders (AAHCPAD) by obtaining NCCA accreditation.

ADP has reviewed your organization's request for recognition to certify alcohol and other drug counselors. We have determined AAHCPAD's Certified Addiction Specialist (CAS) program meets the requirements specified in CCR Title 9, Chapter 8. Your request has been approved.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renée Zito".

RENÉE ZITO, LMSW, CASAC
Director

cc: Daniel Steinhart, Deputy Director
Licensing and Certification Division



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