



How Not to Be Scammed by Disreputable Addiction Treatment Providers

When searching for help, do your research and watch out for red flags to ensure that you receive the quality of care you deserve. The following are signs of a dishonest treatment provider attempting to deceive individuals and families who are seeking addiction treatment:

- **Patient Brokering** - Brokers receive kickbacks any time they send someone to specific treatment centers. Their main concern is making money, not matching you with a qualified rehab center that meets your needs. Be cautious of bait and switch tactics and avoid accepting a referral to a treatment provider before you do your own research, such as reading reviews and conducting other due diligence.
- **Offer of Free Travel (and other paid expenses)** - Be on the lookout for any rehab center that tells you they will pay for your travel, particularly cross-country flights. These rehab scams use payment of a large expenditures not normally covered by insurance to entice people to enroll in their program. Once you are enrolled, they tend to bill insurance for a range of services you may or may not have received.
- **Vague Treatment Information** - Organizations that only offer vague information about their offerings, location, and staff are likely trying to hide the fact that they are unqualified to treat you. Asking questions about certifications and specific locations will help you differentiate between legitimate addiction treatment centers and scammers.
- **Guarantees** - Not even the best rehab centers can guarantee that you will be sober in 30 days. Addiction is a lifelong journey that is largely shaped by you and your commitment to sobriety. Look for facilities that offer a strong program, are transparent about their offerings, have a team of licensed and accredited medical and clinical professionals, and offer services and support, even after you have completed treatment.

Learning what makes a treatment center legitimate can make you feel more confident in your decision. Keep in mind the following when searching for the right addiction rehab center for you or your loved one: **Longevity, Accreditation, Individualized Treatment Plans, and Aftercare Planning.**

Mountainside is recognized as a leader in the addiction treatment industry and has been named one of America's Best Addiction Treatment Centers by Newsweek. If you or a loved one is struggling with substances, please call (888) 833-4676 today to speak with one of our addiction treatment experts. Let us help you start your recovery journey.