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## CRCC New Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors Available Online

*Code Effective as of January 1, 2010*

CRCC has just completed the process of updating its Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors (Code). Items below reflect the 10 most important changes to the Code and are by no means all-inclusive. Rehabilitation Counselors certified by CRCC are bound to act in accordance with the new Code, effective January 1, 2010 and, as such, are encouraged to fully read the new Code. The full Code is now available for viewing, downloading, and printing directly from the CRCC website, CRC/CCRC Code of Ethics page, or at [www.crc certification.com/filebin/pdf/CRCC\\_COE\\_1-1-10.pdf](http://www.crc certification.com/filebin/pdf/CRCC_COE_1-1-10.pdf)

### Top 10 New Code Changes

1. **Professional Disclosure Statement:** Written statement is now required; informed consent is expanded and addressed separately.
2. **Roles and Relationships with Clients:** Requirements are enhanced for both professional and non-professional client relationships.
3. **Cultural Competence/Diversity:** New standards added requiring development of interventions and services to incorporate consideration of cultural perspectives and recognition of external barriers.
4. **Disaster Preparedness:** New standard added establishing obligation to plan for continued services in the event of a natural or man-made disaster.
5. **Technology and Distance Counseling (formerly Electronic Communication and Emerging Applications):** Complete section overhaul establishing practices that address latest technology across all mediums.
6. **Forensic and Indirect Services:** New section added specific to this role.
7. **End-of-Life Care:** New standards added addressing end-of-life issues for terminally ill patients.
8. **Teaching, Training, and Supervision:** Section enhanced to include concerns/scenarios found within the workplace.
9. **Glossary of Terms:** New section to define key terminology used throughout the Code.
10. **Preamble:** Section enhanced to identify values that serve as the foundation to the Code.

"We thank the many people - CRCs/CCRCs, industry professionals, educators, and all interested persons - who took the time and effort to participate in this important Code revision. Your input has been invaluable in helping us update many key areas of the Code, which enables our Certified Rehabilitation Counselors to continue to provide complete, caring service to persons with disabilities."

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