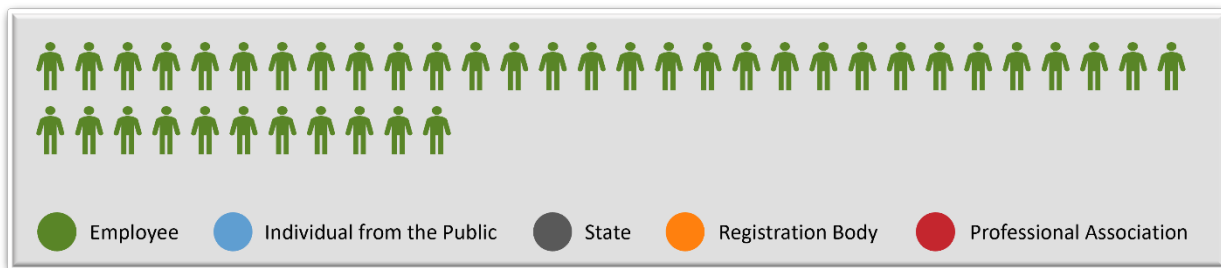


VA STANDARD OF PRACTICE FOR DRAMA THERAPISTS

Comment Count Report

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is establishing VA's standard of practice for Drama Therapists; this will be a standardized set of services that all VA Drama Therapists can perform if their VA medical facility performs such services, and they have the education, training, and skill to perform the services.

On July 28, 2023, VA posted the proposed VA standard of practice for Drama Therapists on the Federal Register ([88 FR 48951](#)) for public comment and within VA's intranet for VA employee comment. VA also sent letters to the national registration body (North American Drama Therapy Association) and the single State licensing board (New York) for Drama Therapists with the proposed VA standard of practice and an opportunity for them to comment directly to VA on the proposed standard. VA requested that all comments on the Federal Register, VA's intranet site, and from the States and registration body be provided within 60 days. The comment period closed on September 26, 2023, and VA received 41 comments in total.



VA received 41 comments from VA employees. As of September 26, 2023, VA had not received comments from the State licensing board for Drama Therapists; however, VA will continue to actively engage with the State.

VA will review all comments received and make appropriate revisions to the VA standard of practice for Drama Therapists in light of the comments, to include those that help VA meet its mission and goals through evidence-based practice and alternatives.

VA will post a collective response to all comments in a final report on <https://www.va.gov/standardspractice> once the VA standard of practice for Drama Therapists is published in Veterans Health Administration Directive 1900, which will be available at <https://www.va.gov/vhapublications/publications.cfm?pub=1>.