



American Professional Agency, Inc.

# Professional Liability for Psychiatrists



## ABOUT US

### American Professional Agency, Inc

APA, Inc. has over thirty years of experience underwriting medical malpractice risks. We have the knowledge to craft insurance solutions that are specific to the needs of mental health care professionals. As a managing general agent that is not owned by an insurance carrier, you can be sure that your needs come first.

### Allied World

Rated "A (Excellent)" by A.M. Best Company. We offer the total package: professional liability products with competitive pricing and broad coverages, expert claims service, and industry-leading risk management resources at no additional charge. Allied World has built an outstanding reputation for providing specialized professional liability solutions that address the unique and emerging exposures of psychiatric nurse practitioners and physician assistants.



## PROGRAMS

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APA ENDORSED PROGRAM

As a psychiatrist, you devote your time and energy to helping patients; but who is there to help you? We are. The field of psychiatry presents a unique and diverse set of risks that require expertise to properly manage. As a policyholder with the APA-endorsed professional liability program, you will have direct access to expert risk consultants, whose singular focus is providing you with the information you need to minimize your exposure to professional risk. Risk management services are provided or arranged through AWAC Services Company, a member company of Allied World.

## Risk Management Services for Psychiatrists

The program goal is to support organizational risk management efforts by developing customized strategies that evolve to meet everyday challenges. Industry leading services include:

**Risk Management Hotline:** provides policyholders with direct and immediate access to risk management information 24/7 should an emergency arise. The hotline is dedicated solely to American Professional Agency, Inc. psychiatric policyholders.

**Thought-Leadership and Education:** comprehensive and relevant resources tailored to address critical topics in the field of psychiatry, including:

- **"In Session with Allied World:"**  
A quarterly newsletter designed to address legal and risk related issues essential to psychiatrists. The newsletter features articles tailored to psychiatrists that are written by professionals. Topics include:
  - Boundary Violation issues
  - A Patient's Right to Refuse Treatment
  - Reducing Risks in Prescribing Mood Stabilizers Off-Label to Bipolar Children
  - What to Consider When Choosing Private, Group or Independent Contractor Practice

- **Educational Resources:** a fundamental and key component of any risk management program is continuing education. AWAC Services partners with Medical Risk Management, Inc. to provide a specific risk management educational program for psychiatrists at a discounted fee. CMEs are provided for successful completion of the program.

- **Library of Risk Management Resources:** access to detailed materials such as an Insurance primer and an Informed Consent brochure.

**Risk Management Seminars:** topics are timely and applicable to practice needs.

## Risk Management Partnership

Risk consultants at AWAC Services work closely with the American Psychiatric Association to develop comprehensive risk management tools. They also work with policyholders as needed to develop individualized action plans to help mitigate and prevent potential losses.

Consultants are also available to attend District Branch meetings and to provide educational seminars on topics important to psychiatrist's practices. Customized approaches meet specific, individual needs and build long-term relationships based on trust, partnership and proactive service.

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