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Department of Health Care Services



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TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services  
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators  
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.  
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs  
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals  
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies  
California Opioid Maintenance Providers  
California State Association of Counties  
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations  
County Behavioral Health Directors  
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California  
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Allocation of Funding for Substance Use Disorder Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services, State Fiscal Year 2020-21 Governor's Approved Budget, v2.0

REFERENCE: Health & Safety Code §11814

PURPOSE: This Information Notice (IN) transmits the State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2020-21 Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Allocation, based on the Governor's Approved Budget, to County Behavioral Health Program Directors and County Drug and Alcohol Administrators for informational and planning purposes.

BACKGROUND:

This IN includes three exhibits:

- (A) Overview of Programs, Funding, and Allocation Methodologies  
Exhibit A describes the allocation methodologies and the permitted uses of the SABG funds administered by the Community Services Division in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).
- (B) Statewide Allocation Summary of SABG Funds  
Exhibit B displays the SABG total statewide allocations from DHCS for substance use disorder prevention and treatment service programs.

(C) SABG Exchange Program

Exhibit C, Part 1, provides a description of the SABG Exchange Program, which allows small counties (less than 40,000) to exchange SABG Perinatal and SABG Adolescent and Youth Treatment allocations for SABG Discretionary funds.

Exhibit C, Part 2, provides a table showing the SABG Table of Exchanges.

DISCUSSION:

The total SABG allocation to counties for SFY 2020-21 will be \$231,392,353. This allocation of funds is based upon enactment of the SFY 2020-21 Budget Act and federal appropriations. The information detailed within this IN is point-in-time and may not reflect allocation amounts developed on or after July 2020. Should any further adjustments become necessary after publication of this IN, a revised IN will be issued.

Due to the shift from advance payments to SABG payment in arrears, Counties will no longer make the determination of paying expenditures from a specific Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) and are expected to track spending by SFY during the SABG period of performance. For SFY 2020-21, Counties will be responsible for administering the allocations provided in their SFY 2020-21 SABG County Applications from July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.

Invoicing and Payment

DHCS will notify counties from which FFY award their SABG Invoices, formerly known as Quarterly Federal Financial Management Reports, have been reimbursed for purposes of cost reporting. DHCS developed a revised SABG Invoice form, which will be emailed directly to county fiscal contacts. The revised SABG Invoice form removes FFY fields and adds, for DHCS completion, a field indicating from which FFY award the invoice was paid. Counties will receive copies of the completed SABG Invoice form following payment.

The due dates for SFY 2020-21 SABG Invoices will be as follows:

- SFY 2020-21 Q1 (7/1/2020 – 9/30/2020): 11/15/2020
- SFY 2020-21 Q2 (10/1/2020 – 12/31/2020): 3/15/2021
- SFY 2020-21 Q3 (1/1/2021 – 3/31/2021): 5/15/2021
- SFY 2020-21 Q4 (4/1/2021 – 6/30/2021): 8/15/2021

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The SFY 2020-21 Q4 (4/1/2021 – 6/30/2021) SABG Invoice will serve both as a period to report Q4 expenditures, as well as a reconciliation period for SABG invoices from SFY 2020-21 Q1 through Q3. Counties may additionally reconcile expenditures on Q2 and Q3 SABG invoices.

Questions concerning this IN and its Exhibits should be directed to [SABG@dhcs.ca.gov](mailto:SABG@dhcs.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosures