

**Fiscal Year 2018-19
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant
Exchange Program**

Background

The SABG Exchange Program allows small counties (population less than 40,000) flexibility in SABG spending. The Program was created because these counties lack sufficient populations and an ongoing demand for specialized treatment services under Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth. By allowing the exchange of Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth treatment funds for Discretionary funds, small counties have the flexibility and opportunity to best respond to treatment needs and reduce the return of unspent SABG funds to the federal government. Counties receiving additional Discretionary funds are expected to utilize these funds to treat substance use disorder clients, including Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth treatment clients, to the extent they have such clients.

Counties providing perinatal services must meet the requirements set forth in the Perinatal Practice Guidelines located on the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) website at:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Documents/Perinatal_Practice_Guidelines_FY1819.pdf

In providing Youth Treatment services, the Youth Treatment Guidelines are designed for counties to use in developing and implementing youth treatment programs. The guidelines are available on the DHCS website at:

https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/individuals/Documents/Youth_Treatment_Guidelines.pdf

SABG Exchange Program for FY 2018-19

SABG allocation amounts for Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth Treatment (AYT) for the thirteen small counties are exchanged for Discretionary funds. The Perinatal and AYT allocations are proportionately distributed to the remaining counties, while Discretionary balances are reduced. For FY 2018-19, SABG Exchange Program amounts for Perinatal and Adolescent/Youth are equal to the FY 2017-18 amounts. For a summary of the exchange amounts, see Exhibit C, "FY 2018-19, SAPT Exchange Program Summary of Exchanges."