

**ACTIONS COUNTIES SHOULD TAKE TO  
IMPLEMENT PART 54**

Counties need to identify religious providers. This is necessary in order to know the organizations to which Part 54 applies.

For existing providers who receive substance abuse prevention and treatment Block Grant funds, counties can identify religious providers when contracts are renewed by requiring them to submit the attached Survey for Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants. This is basically a reproduction of the document used by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to identify religious providers.

For new providers, counties can identify religious providers by requesting that applicants for SAPT Block Grant funds submit the attached Survey for Ensuring Equal Opportunity for Applicants.

- Counties must include the requirements of Part 54 in their contracts with providers who receive SAPT block Grant funds.

Counties need to monitor religious providers to ensure the religious provider is complying with the provisions of Part 54, including Section 54.8 regarding:

- Notice to Program Participants; and
- Referral to an alternative provider.

Counties need to establish processes for:

- Being notified by a religious provider when a program beneficiary is referred to an alternative provider; and
- Provision and funding of alternative services.

Counties are responsible for defining and applying the terms “reasonably accessible,” “a reasonable period of time,” comparable,” “capacity,” and “value that is not less than.”