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PURPOSE

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information to counties and providers and to answer questions that have arisen regarding the use of SAPT Block Grant funds for infectious disease testing.

DISCUSSION

Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds can only be used for planning and carrying out activities to prevent and treat substance abuse, and for Tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Early Intervention Services as defined in Title 42, United States code, Section 300x-24.

SAPT Block Grant funds, from the HIV Early Intervention Set-Aside, may be used for infectious disease testing if all of the following conditions are met:

- 1. The individual must be HIV positive;
- 2. The treatment program must be receiving funds from the SAPT Block Grant HIV Set-Aside;
- 3. The individual must be undergoing substance abuse treatment; and
- 4. SAPT Block Grant funds must be the payment of last resort.

According to the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), the use of HIV Early Intervention funds for infectious disease testing would be consistent with the definition of HIV Early Intervention Services in Section 300x-24(b)(7)(B), which reads:

"...Tests to diagnose the extent of the deficiency in the immune system and tests to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system and for preventing and treating conditions arising from the disease."

REFERENCES

The requirements governing the expenditure of SAPT Block Grant funds for Tuberculosis Services are contained in Title 42, United States Code, Section 300x-21 and 24(a) its implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. 96-121, 96-127 and 96.137.

The requirements governing the expenditure of SAPT Block Grant funds for HIV Early Intervention services are contained in Title 42, United States Code, Section 300x-21 and 24(b) and its implementing regulations, 45 C.F.R. 96-121, 96-128 and 96.137.

HISTORY

N/A

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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