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Tracking of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita Evacuees for Alcohol and Other Drug Substance Abuse Services Provided in California

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this ADP Bulletin is to identify how Hurricanes Katrina and Rita evacuees will be tracked in California's alcohol and other drug (AOD) treatment system. This tracking will affect all counties and providers who participate in providing AOD services to the Katrina and Rita evacuees.

This tracking is needed in the event of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) reimbursement to states for providing AOD services to the Hurricane evacuees.

DISCUSSION

The impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita has resulted in the evacuation of many people from the states of Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. These evacuees may arrive in California through FEMA processes, private assistance, or on their own. This letter is identifying the process of tracking these individuals that enter California's AOD system.

For purposes of tracking the Katrina and Rita evacuees, ADP has identified the following tracking activities:

Monthly report to track admission, discharge, and service information

Counties and direct contract providers are required to report on a monthly basis the number of hurricane evacuee clients admitted, discharged, and the number

of services provided to those hurricane evacuees (see enclosed report and instructions). The report is due within 10 days from the end of the report month. Submit the monthly report to:

Denice Maberry
Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs
Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch
1700 K Street, 4th Floor
Sacramento, California 95814

tracking of Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) clients

The Department of Health Services (DHS) instructed counties to use aid code 65 for evacuees who meet Medi-Cal eligibility for full scope Medi-Cal services. This information is referenced in a letter issued by DHS dated September 9, 2005, numbered 05-30 (copy enclosed). Use existing service function codes when billing DMC for Katrina and Rita evacuees.

Reporting costs related to services for hurricane evacuees

In order to track costs of providing AOD services to Katrina and Rita evacuees, additional Negotiated Net Amount (NNA) program codes have been established. Use these program codes when reporting NNA costs for services provided and for administrative costs. Program codes for DMC will not change. This information will be required as part of the normal cost reporting process and timelines. The program codes are:

- Program Code 22 Katrina/Rita – NNA Alcohol and Drug
- Program Code 23 Katrina/Rita – NNA Parolee
- Program Code 24 Katrina/Rita – NNA Perinatal
- Program Code 25 Katrina/Rita – NNA Mentor (In Need of Treatment)
- Program Code 26 Katrina/Rita – NNA Mentor (Not In Need of Treatment)
- Program Code 27 Katrina/Rita – NNA Drug Court Alcohol and Drug
- Program Code 28 Katrina/Rita – NNA Drug Court Perinatal
- Program Code 29 Katrina/Rita – NNA Drug Court Partnership Alcohol and Drug
- Program Code 30 Katrina/Rita – NNA Drug Court Partnership Perinatal
- Program Code 31 Katrina/Rita – NNA Adolescent Treatment

REFERENCES

See Exhibits A through D

BACKGROUND

None

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

For questions, please contact the following Department representatives:

- Drug Medi-Cal or cost report related questions: your assigned Fiscal Management and Accountability Branch analyst.
- Monthly report questions: Denice Maberry, Office Technician, at 322-5907.
- General hurricane disaster response questions: Les Johnson, Assistant Director, at (916) 324-7667.

An additional copy of this document may be requested through the Department's Resource Center at (800) 879-2772. This bulletin and monthly report is also available on the Department's Web page at www.adp.ca.gov.

EXHIBITS

1. Exhibit A: Letter issued by The White House dated September 7, 2005 – Subject is emergency relief for Hurricane Katrina disaster relief.
2. Exhibit B: [Letter issued by Department of Health Services dated September 9, 2005 \(#05-30\) – Subject is Medi-Cal Eligibility for Evacuees of Hurricane Katrina.](#)
3. Exhibit C: [Letter issued by the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs dated September 29, 2005 to the AOD field encouraging counties to open their doors in support of hurricane evacuees who may need substance abuse treatment.](#)
4. Exhibit D: [Tracking of Hurricane \(Katrina and Rita\) evacuees Accessing California's Alcohol and Other Drug Service Delivery System form and instructions.](#)

Attached are links to two documents that counties and providers may find helpful – one from Center for Medicaid Services (www.cms.hhs.gov/katrina) and the other from the Department of Health and Human Services (www.hhs.gov).

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