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**ADP BULLETIN**

## Title

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) Compliance

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this bulletin is to remind County Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Administrators, Certified Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) providers receiving public funds, and all Licensed Narcotic Treatment Providers (NTPs) that compliance with reporting Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) data is mandatory. The Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) is taking immediate steps to correct the current under-reporting of DATAR information by working with County AOD Administrators and direct contract treatment providers to ensure their understanding of this mandated local responsibility and by providing a web-based tool to facilitate compliance. DATAR is the source of certain data for the annual Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant application for federal funding. The SAPT Block Grant process requires that ADP provide AOD treatment capacity and waiting list count information on the application. Therefore, non-compliance with DATAR reporting requirements may negatively impact AOD funding.

**DISCUSSION**

DATAR reporting is federally mandated to measure treatment capacity and waiting list counts for all publicly funded treatment programs. Each County AOD Administrator is responsible for ensuring that all of their contracted treatment providers submit timely, accurate, and complete DATAR information to ADP regardless of whether providers submit their DATAR reports through the County or directly to ADP.

Each treatment provider must submit their monthly DATAR report to ADP by the tenth of the following month, either through the County AOD Administrator responsible for their facility or directly to ADP according to instructions from the County AOD Administrator. Treatment providers that contract directly with ADP must submit their DATAR information directly to ADP.

To help treatment providers comply with DATAR reporting, ADP has implemented DATARWeb, a web-based version of the hardcopy DATAR form. DATARWeb is available for immediate use at the local level. County AOD Administrators are strongly encouraged to begin making the transition to DATARWeb immediately.

ADP will report monthly to County AOD Administrators showing which of their providers have not submitted DATAR reports on time. Note that DATARWeb includes on-demand generation of compliance reports. ADP will notify treatment providers that contract directly with the State of any DATAR noncompliance.

ADP reiterates that County AOD Administrators are directly responsible for compliance by all of their treatment providers with the DATAR reporting requirements, regardless of the data submission method.

General information on DATARWeb is available at [www.adp.ca.gov/datar/gen\\_info.shtml](http://www.adp.ca.gov/datar/gen_info.shtml). Information on DATARWeb implementation may be obtained by contacting Claudio Mejia, DATARWeb Project Manager, at 916-323-1694.

## **REFERENCES**

DATAR is a requirement of both the Federal and State laws and regulations (45 CFR 96, Section 96.126; California Health and Safety Code (HSC), Section 11755 (O) (1, 2, & 9) and (P) and Section 11758.29 (E)).

## **BACKGROUND**

Not applicable.

## **QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE**

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## **EXHIBITS**

Not applicable.

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