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Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Allowable HIV Early Intervention Services

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PURPOSE

This bulletin contains new guidelines on the expenditures of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant HIV Early Intervention Services (EIS). Recently, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) expanded the allowable use of HIV EIS funds. Allowable expenditures now include infectious disease testing, such as Hepatitis C, and outreach services for intravenous drug users (IDUs) that are not currently participating in a substance use disorder (SUD) treatment program. For further information, you may refer to SAMHSA's website at: http://www.tie.samhsa.gov/HIVEarlyIntervention/overview.html

DISCUSSION

Title 45 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 96, authorizes the use of HIV EIS funds for:

- Appropriate pre-test counseling
- HIV testing
- Appropriate post-test counseling
- Providing therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system and other medical conditions stemming from HIV
- Testing for infectious diseases, such as Hepatitis C

Examples of HIV Services and activities supported with HIV Set-Aside include:

- Pre- and post-test counseling
- Referral services
- Risk assessment
- HIV/AIDS education
- Rapid HIV testing
- Integrated infectious disease services
- Outreach Services for IDUs [1]

[1] Outreach activities to IDUs for early intervention services may be supported with SAPT funds under Section 1923(b) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act or State funds.

REFERENCES

Public Health Services Act, Section1 924;
SAMHSA's website: http://www.tie.samhsa.gov/HIVEarlyIntervention/overview.html.

BACKGROUND

In the past, SAMHSA only allowed infectious disease testing (such as Hepatitis C) for persons living with HIV. Similarly, outreach services for IDUs not in treatment were an unallowable service non-reimbursable with HIV Set-Aside funds.

QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

For questions regarding HIV Set-Aside funds or the guidelines for expending these funds, please contact:

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