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**ADP BULLETIN**

## Title

Use of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant Funds for Syringe Exchange Services

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**PURPOSE**

This bulletin clarifies the use of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant for Syringe Exchange Programs (SEPs). Currently, SAPT Block Grant funds may not be used for syringe exchange programs.

**DISCUSSION**

In 2009, Congress lifted the prohibition on federal funding of SEPs. In late 2011, Congress reinstated the ban for Fiscal Year (FY) 2012. If this decision changes, ADP will notify counties.

**REFERENCES**

For a summary of the FY 2012 Appropriations bill package, please visit:

[http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.14.11\\_Final\\_FY\\_2012\\_Appropriations\\_Legislation\\_-\\_Detailed\\_Summary.pdf](http://appropriations.house.gov/UploadedFiles/12.14.11_Final_FY_2012_Appropriations_Legislation_-_Detailed_Summary.pdf)

**BACKGROUND**

On February 23, 2011, the Surgeon General, Regina Benjamin, M.D., M.B.A., determined that SEPs were effective in reducing drug use and transmission of HIV/AIDS. This determination lifted the ban against using federal dollars to fund SEPs. Congress reinstated the ban in the FY 2012 Appropriations bill package.

**QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE**

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

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