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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS ASSOCIATION OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AGENCIES
COALITION OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG ASSOCIATIONS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOL & DRUG PROGRAM EXECUTIVES, INC.
CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES
CALIFORNIA OPIOID MAINTENANCE PROVIDERS
CALIFORNIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES
CALIFORNIA CONSORTIUM OF ADDICTION PROGRAMS AND PROFESSIONALS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF DUI TREATMENT PROGRAMS
CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR ALCOHOL/DRUG EDUCATORS

SUBJECT: ALLOCATION OF FUNDING FOR SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SERVICES, STATE FISCAL YEAR 2018-19 (PRELIMINARY) BUDGET ALLOCATION, v1.0

PURPOSE

This information notice transmits the State Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-19 Budget Allocation to county behavioral health program directors and county drug and alcohol administrators for informational purposes, pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 11814. This proposed allocation of funds is based on the FY 2018-19 Budget Act and federal appropriations.

This notice includes four exhibits:

- (A) Overview of Programs, Funding, and Allocation Methodologies
Exhibit A explains the budget authority for State General Funds (SGF) appropriated for the Drug Medi-Cal (DMC) program. The exhibit also describes the allocation methodologies and the permitted uses of the Substance Abuse

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Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) funds administered by the Substance Use Disorder Program, Policy, and Fiscal Division in the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS).

(B) Statewide Allocation Summary of SABG Funds

Exhibit B displays the SABG total statewide allocations from DHCS for substance use disorder prevention and treatment service programs.

(C) SABG Exchange Program

Exhibit C provides a description of the SABG Exchange Program which allows small counties (less than 40,000) to exchange SABG Perinatal and SABG Adolescent and Youth Treatment allocations for SABG Discretionary funds.

(D) Funding Periods for SABG

Exhibit D illustrates the overlapping spending periods for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2018 and FFY 2019 SABG allocations covered by this information notice.

DISCUSSION

For the preliminary SABG allocation, DHCS presumes the FFY 19 award will be approved at the level equal to the FFY 18 award. For FY 2018-19, SABG local assistance funds to be allocated to counties total \$231,404,353. After DHCS receives the FFY 19 Notice of Award, a final notice will be published to reflect any adjustments.

Also starting in FY 2018-19 are new SABG reporting and payment requirements, effective January 1, 2019. These new requirements are detailed in county SABG contracts and in [MHSUDS Information Notice 18-057](#). SABG payments will now be based on actual expenses for a quarter, and counties will need to submit supporting detail for the Quarterly Federal Financial Management Report (QFFMR). QFFMRs are still due 60 days after each state fiscal year quarter.

Questions concerning this notice and its exhibits should be directed to Allen Scott, Section Chief, Contracts and Grants Management Section, at (916) [713-8711](tel:713-8711) or Allen.Scott@dhcs.ca.gov.

Additional copies of this notice and its exhibits may be downloaded from the DHCS website at:
https://www.dhcs.ca.gov/formsandpubs/Pages/2018_MHSUDS_Information_Notices.aspx

EXHIBITS:

- A. Overview of Programs, Funding and Allocation Methodologies
- B. Statewide Allocation of DMC State General Funds and SABG Funds
- C. SABG Exchange Program
- D. Funding Period for SABG

Sincerely,

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