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TO: COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM DIRECTORS
COUNTY DRUG & ALCOHOL ADMINISTRATORS
COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIRECTORS' ASSOCIATION
CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
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SUBJECT: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPT BG), HIV Early Intervention Services (EIS) Set-Aside and Hepatitis C Testing

This Information Notice states conditions in which SAPT BG HIV EIS set-aside funds may be used to provide Hepatitis C testing. Additionally, this Information Notice supersedes and retracts the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' Bulletin 12-05 issued March 2, 2012, titled, "Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Allowable HIV Early Intervention Services."

The HIV EIS set-aside funds **may** be spent on Hepatitis C testing **only** for individuals in a substance use treatment program who test positive for HIV. Additionally, Hepatitis C testing funded by the HIV set-aside must be used as the payer of last resort.

Sincerely,

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