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Behavioral Health Information Notice No: 26-014

TO: California Alliance of Child and Family Services
California Association for Alcohol/Drug Educators
California Association of Alcohol & Drug Program Executives, Inc.
California Association of DUI Treatment Programs
California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals
California Council of Community Behavioral Health Agencies
California Opioid Maintenance Providers
California State Association of Counties
Coalition of Alcohol and Drug Associations
County Behavioral Health Directors
County Behavioral Health Directors Association of California
County Drug & Alcohol Administrators

SUBJECT: Allocation of Funding for Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services, State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2026-27 Preliminary Allocations

PURPOSE: To transmit the SFY 2026-27 Substance Use Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Services Block Grant (SUBG) Preliminary Allocations to County Behavioral Health Program Directors and County Drug and Alcohol Administrators for informational and planning purposes.

REFERENCE: Health & Safety Code §11814

BACKGROUND:

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code §11814(c), the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) shall estimate an allocation of federal funds available for each county to use as well as notify each county regarding its preliminary and final SUBG allocation.

This Behavioral Health Information Notice (BHIN) includes three exhibits:



(A) Overview of Programs, Funding, and Allocation Methodologies

Exhibit A describes the allocation methodologies and the permitted uses of the SUBG funds administered by the DHCS' Community Services Division.

(B) Statewide Preliminary Allocation Summary of SUBG Funds

Exhibit B displays the SUBG total statewide allocations from DHCS for substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery service programs.

(C) SUBG Exchange Program

Exhibit C describes the SUBG Exchange Program, which allows small counties (fewer than 40,000 residents) to exchange SUBG Perinatal and SUBG Adolescent and Youth Treatment allocations for SUBG Discretionary funds.

POLICY:

The total preliminary SUBG allocation to counties will be \$230,354,367 for SFY 2026-27. The proposed allocation of funds is contingent upon the enactment of the SFY 2026-27 Budget Act and federal appropriations. After the enactment of the SFY 2026-27 Budget Act, a BHIN will be issued to reflect the final allocation.

Counties are expected to track spending by SFY during the SUBG period of performance. For SFY 2026-27, counties will be responsible for administering the allocations provided in their SFY 2026-27 SUBG County Application from July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027.

Invoicing and Payment

DHCS will email SUBG invoice templates to county fiscal contacts before each quarterly invoice is due. The SUBG invoice contains a workbook titled "DHCS USE ONLY," indicating from which FFY award the invoice was paid. DHCS will provide this workbook as a receipt to counties for cost reporting. Counties will receive copies of the completed SUBG invoice template following payment.

The due dates for SFY 2026-27 SUBG Invoices are as follows:

- SFY 2026-27 Q1 (07/1/2026 – 09/30/2026): 11/16/2026
- SFY 2026-27 Q2 (10/1/2026 – 12/31/2026): 2/15/2027
- SFY 2026-27 Q3 (01/1/2027 – 03/31/2027): 5/17/2027

- SFY 2026-27 Q4 (04/1/2027 – 06/30/2027): 8/16/2027

Questions concerning this BHIN and its Exhibits should be directed to:

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