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County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Coordinators
County Prevention Specialists

Dear Coordinators and Specialists:

In recent months, attendees at the Association of County Human Services (ACHS), ACHS Liaison, and ACHS Prevention Committee meetings have raised questions on prevention service issues. This is clarification related to your County Community Services Contract.

CAN COUNTIES USE SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION TREATMENT (SAPT) BLOCK GRANT FUNDS FOR PREVENTION SERVICES ADMINISTRATION IN FISCAL YEAR 2013?

No, however, counties can bill up to 8% of their SAPT allocation for prevention services for "program support" in SFY 2013. Program support includes travel for program planning and implementation, communication (i.e., phone, computer), data entry time, and program supplies. Program support does not include supervision or administrative assistant wages to support the county prevention specialists/community coordinator. Program support costs should be billed under BARS 566.22, line 5, Community-Based Process.

WHEN SHOULD COUNTIES BILL STAFF TIME FOR BARS 566.21 VS. BARS 566.22?

The counties in PRI Cohorts 1, 2, and 3 who still have resources committed to countywide activities that are not directed towards the PRI communities, should bill for that portion of the prevention specialist's time under BARS 566.21, Community-Based Coordination.

The counties in PRI Cohorts 1 and 2 who have committed all of their resources to the PRI sites, should bill the coalition coordinator's time to BARS 566.22, line 5, Community-Based Process.

CHANGES TO BILLING PRACTICES FOR DBHR PREVENTION SERVICES

In an effort to enhance technical assistance and training time to PRI sites in all three cohorts, DBHR is modifying how county A-19 billings will be processed. Effective December 1, 2012, all county A-19 billings for prevention services should be sent electronically to the DBHR A-19 email at: A-19DBHR@dshs.wa.gov.

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If any errors or discrepancies are found in the billings, we will coordinate a response to the respective county through the assigned prevention system manager.

By changing our billing review process and making some prevention services staff reassignments (to be announced by John Taylor within the next few days), it is our intention to provide an increased amount of staff support to each PRI site.

WHEN WILL DBHR PROVIDE DATA TO PRI COHORT 3 COUNTIES/ESDS SO THEY CAN CHOSE THEIR TARGET COMMUNITIES FOR PRI? WHEN ARE DECISIONS DUE TO DBHR?

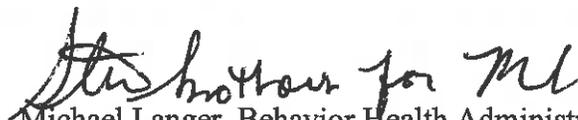
Counties, in collaboration with their respective Educational Service District(s), can use the existing County Community Risk Profile reports to select their target community for PRI Cohort 3, recognizing this report uses data from the 2010 Healthy Youth Survey. Steve Smothers will send the County Community Risk Profile reports to counties this week. Counties also have the option of waiting for new County Community Risk Profile reports scheduled to be published by February 1, 2013, that include data from the 2012 Healthy Youth Survey.

PRI Cohort 3 counties (Benton, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grays Harbor, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, and Walla Walla) are to submit their Community Selection Packet to their respective DBHR Prevention System Manager by March 31, 2013. Choosing to wait for reports generated using the 2012 Healthy Youth Survey does not change the deadline for community selection.

All PRI Cohort 3 counties shall notify their DBHR Prevention System Manager via email by December 1, 2012, if they intend to use the existing reports or wait for the February 1, 2013, reports.

If you have further questions, please contact me at 360-725-3740, or your assigned Prevention System Manager. I hope this added flexibility in program planning and financing will enhance your ability to provide quality prevention services in your selected communities.

Sincerely,


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