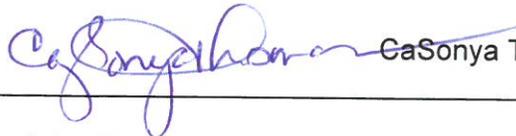


**San Bernardino County
Department of Behavioral Health**

Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Admission Policy

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Policy It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) to ensure San Bernardino County Substance Use Disorder (SUD) clinics and contracted provider clinics conduct client admission to SUD treatment programs in accordance with applicable State and Federal statutes and regulations.

Purpose To provide guidance to DBH clinics, including contracted provider clinics, for client admissions.

Guidelines The following guidelines shall be followed for all clinic admissions:

- All ADS providers will adhere to the admission regulations in the Alcohol and Drug Services Contract Agency Manual.
- SUD service providers will not discriminate in the provision of services because of race, ethnicity, national origin, religion/spirituality, physical or mental disability, age, gender, gender identity or sexual orientation.
- Providers will give preference in admittance to treatment in the following order:
 1. Pregnant injecting drug users
 2. Pregnant substance abusers
 3. Injecting drug users
 4. All others
- Bi-annual reviews of admission practices will be conducted by DBH-ADS SUD program coordinators and will:
 - Include all County clinics and contracted treatment providers
 - Ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations

Confidentiality In accordance with state requirements and federal regulations (noted in References section below), all client information collected by the program is confidential and may not be released without client's consent, except under those conditions required or permitted by law.

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Reference

California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 22, Section 53141.1
Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 45, Section 96.131 and Title 42,
Part 2
