County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health

Alcohol and Drug Services Administration: Provision of TB Services Policy

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Policy

It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Alcohol and Drug Services Administration (ADS), to ensure that Tuberculosis (TB) screening will be made available to all substance abuse treatment clients.

Purpose

To ensure that DBH-ADS clinics and contracted providers adhere to the Code of Federal Regulations in making available to all substance abuse treatment clients TB services to deter the potential infection and spread of TB.

TB Screening & Service

Through an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health (DPH), DBH has made arrangements to provide TB services to include the following:

- Counseling the client with respect to tuberculosis
- Testing to determine whether the client has been infected with mycobacteria tuberculosis for appropriate medical evaluation and treatment
- Providing for or referring the client infected by mycobacteria tuberculosis for appropriate medical evaluation and treatment

DBH mandates that all County and contracted providers adhere to federal regulations regarding TB screening through County contracts and the Substance Abuse Provider Manual. The following guidelines shall be followed:

- Advise clients of their rights to tuberculosis services in writing
- Refer clients in need of substance abuse treatment who are denied admission to a program on the basis of lack of capacity of the program to admit the client to another provider of tuberculosis services.

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- Implement infection control procedures established by the California Department of Public Health/Tuberculosis Control Officer, which are designated to prevent the transmission of tuberculosis, including the following:
  - Screening of clients
  - Identifying those clients who are at high risk of becoming infected and meeting all State reporting requirements while adhering to Federal and State confidentiality requirements
  - Conducting case management activities to ensure that clients receive such services
  - Reporting all individuals identified with active TB to the appropriate State official as required by law

References
Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Part 96, Sections 96.121 and 96.127