

**County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health**

Admission Preference and Interim Services for High Risk Clients Policy

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Policy It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS), to provide admission preference and interim services to high risk clients as defined in applicable State and Federal laws, statutes and regulations.

Purpose To provide guidance to DBH-ADS staff and contract providers for the provision of admission preference and interim services for high risk clients.

Definition **High risk clients** are defined as pregnant women with Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) or tuberculosis (TB) and/or Intravenous drug users (IVDU) with HIV or TB.

Interim Services include counseling and education on the following:

- HIV and TB, and referral or treatment as needed
 - Risks of needle sharing
 - Risks of transmission to sexual partners and infants
 - Infection prevention strategies
 - Effects of alcohol and drug use on the fetus for pregnant women
 - Prenatal care for pregnant women
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Criteria for High Risk Admissions and Interim Services

High risk clients will be afforded admission preference at DBH-ADS clinics and contract provider locations as follows:

- Provide interim services immediately until an appropriate level of treatment is offered or client is admitted to a substance abuse treatment program
- Base treatment on a written policy for high risk clients, as specified in the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs manual

Please Note: At no time should a high risk client be placed on a waiting list.

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References

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR):

- 42CFR, Part 2, Confidentiality Regulations
- 45CFR, sections 96.126 and 96.131

California Code of Regulations, Title 22, section 51341.1, Drug Medi-Cal
Regulations
