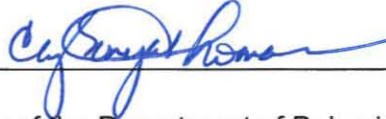


**County of San Bernardino
Department of Behavioral Health**

**Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) HIV/Early Intervention
Services Policy**

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Policy It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS), to comply with applicable State and Federal laws, statutes and regulations regarding HIV/AIDS services.

Purpose To provide guidance to ADS contract providers in the provision of HIV/AIDS services in conjunction with the County of San Bernardino Department of Public Health (DPH).

Definitions **AIDS** is Auto-Immune Deficiency Syndrome.
HIV is Human Immunodeficiency Virus.

Criteria for Provision of HIV/AIDS Services The criteria below will be applied in the provision of HIV/AIDS services at DBH-ADS contract provider clinics:

- Target population will include injection drug users and/or their sexual partners
- Group presentations by DPH designed to increase awareness of HIV susceptibility and reduce personal risk; annual topics to include:
 - Epidemiology
 - Description of agent
 - Risk factors for HIV transmission
 - Strategies for prevention
 - Negotiation for safer sex
 - Description of HIV risk assessment
 - Testing & Disclosure services
 - Value of early intervention and community referrals
- Monthly activity summary reports documenting group presentations and HIV testing services will be submitted by DPH to DBH with a monthly invoice
- Provide on-site confidential space for HIV prevention staff to conduct assessment, testing and disclosure services
- Testing may be offered in conjunction with group presentations or may be scheduled separately, as follows:
 - Scheduled quarterly, at a minimum
 - Standard and RAPID tests may be offered to clients

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**Criteria for
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- Date of disclosure is dependent on the method of testing, as follows:
 - Same day results for rapid tests
 - Standard test results will be scheduled at a later date
 - Clients who test positive will be referred to other support and treatment services
 - Testing counselors must be certified by the Office of AIDS and maintain current certification status
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Reference

Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Title 45, Section 96.128
