

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

**Alcohol and Drug Services (ADS) Payment of Last Resort
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 compliance with the terms of the County of San Bernardino’s Substance Use Disorder ADP Contract. The contract expenditure of Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant (BG) funds shall be used as the payment of last resort for services for pregnant and parenting women, tuberculosis and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).

Purpose To ensure DBH–ADS Clinics and contracted providers adhere to the Federal regulations surrounding payment of last resort.

SAPT Block Grant Requirements Entities that receive funding under the Block Grant and provide services required by CFR Title 45, Section 96.137 shall make every effort, including the establishment of systems for eligibility determination, billing, and collection, to:

1. Collect reimbursement for the costs of providing such services to persons who are entitled to insurance benefits under the Social Security Act, including programs under title XVIII and title XIX. Additional programs include any State compensation program, other public assistance program for medical expenses, grant programs, private health insurance, or any other benefit program; and
2. Secure payments from clients for services in accordance with their ability to pay.

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Procedure DBH ensures compliance with applicable Federal law by including an addendum in every substance abuse treatment provider contract entitled, "Agreement for Federal Block Grant". Compliance with this policy shall be achieved through:

Step	Action
1	Approval of contract as to form and legal affect by county counsel
2	Signature of contractor on contract agreeing to all conditions set forth in the contract
3	Approval and execution of contract by the Board of Supervisors
4	Annual fiscal audit and compliance review of auditors

References Code of Federal Regulations, Title 45, Section 96.137
