



Admission Preference and Interim Services Policy

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Policy It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services (SUDRS) to provide admission preference and interim services to clients as defined in the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) and 42 U.S.C. 300x-21, *et seq.*

Purpose To outline DBH and contracted providers requirements for complying with admission preference standards for provision of interim Substance Use Disorder (SUD) services.

Definition(s) **Priority populations:** individuals who are given preference for receipt of substance use disorder (SUD) treatment:
(1) Pregnant intravenous drug users;
(2) Pregnant substance abusers;
(3) Intravenous drug users (IVDUs); and
(4) All other eligible individuals.

Interim Services or Interim Substance Abuse Services: services provided until an individual is admitted to a SUD treatment program. The purpose of the services is to reduce the adverse health effects from substance abuse, promote the health of the client, and reduce the risk of transmission of disease. At minimum, interim services include the following:

- Counseling and education about human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and tuberculosis (TB), to include (at minimum) the following topics;
 - Risks of needle sharing
 - Risks of transmission of disease to sexual partners and infants,
 - Steps to ensure that HIV and TB transmission does not occur (infection prevention strategies)
 - Effects of alcohol and drug use on the fetus (for pregnant women).
- In addition to counseling and education, referrals should be provided for:
 - HIV and/or TB testing and treatment services, if necessary
 - Prenatal care (for pregnant women)

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Admission and Interim Service Requirements SUD treatment services provided using SABG funds must follow the treatment admission preferences established in 45 CFR 96.131, indicated as “Priority Populations” and defined herein and further described below.

Pregnant Women	IVDU Individuals
<p>If/when a provider has insufficient capacity to admit a pregnant woman, the pregnant woman will be offered interim services. Interim services will be provided within forty-eight (48) hours, including a referral for prenatal care.</p> <p>Note: DBH and contracted providers must ensure they publicize the availability of services and the preference given to pregnant women for SUD treatment.</p>	<p>Interim services must be provided within forty-eight (48) hours of request for services, If/when the SUD treatment provider has insufficient capacity to admit the client at the time requested.</p>

All SUD treatment providers who deliver interim services must report the interim service provided to SUDRS Administration on a monthly basis by completing the Interim/TB services log and submitting it to SUDRS Administration by the 10th calendar day of the following month. The log is to be submitted to: DBH-SUDRSADMIN@dbh.sbcounty.gov.

Note: If the 10th day of the month lands on a weekend and/or holiday, the log is due the next business day.

Related Policy or Procedure The related policies and procedures in can be found in the [DBH Standard Practice Manual](#):

- Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services Monitoring Review Policy (SUDRS0207)
- Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services Monitoring Review Procedure (SUDRS0207-1)
- Admission Preference and Interim Services Procedure (SUDRS0214-1)

Reference(s)

- Drug Medi-Cal Organized Delivery System (DMC-ODS) Intergovernmental Agreement
- Substance Abuse, Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) Application