

Region V Systems Provider Network Policies and Procedures

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Purpose: To ensure provision of appropriate interim services to intravenous drug-abusing individuals and pregnant women unable to be admitted to treatment within 14 days of request by substance abuse treatment providers in Region V System's Behavioral Health Provider Network. The purpose of interim services is to reduce the adverse health effects of such substance abuse, promote the health of the individual, and reduce the risk of transmission of disease.

Policy:

Provision of Interim Services:

Region V Systems' Network Providers whom receive funding from the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPTBG) shall ensure that any intravenous drug-abusing individual or pregnant woman who requests and is in need of substance abuse treatment is admitted to a program of such treatment within 14 days of making the request for admission to such program or within 120 days after the date of request, if no such program has the capacity to admit the individual on the date of such request and if interim services are made available to the individual not later than 48 hours after such request. Providers shall ensure that each intravenous drug-abusing individual and pregnant woman who seeks or is referred for and would benefit from such services is given preference in admissions to treatment facilities receiving funds pursuant to the grant.

Network providers shall have procedures in place that ensure the provision of interim services to the identified priority populations. Interim services shall be provided until an individual is admitted to a substance abuse treatment program. At a minimum, interim services shall include counseling and education about HIV and tuberculosis, particularly the risks of needle sharing, transmission to sexual partners and infants, and about preventative measures that can be taken to ensure that HIV and TB transmission does not occur, as well as referral for HIV and TB testing and treatment services. Interim services for pregnant women shall include but not be limited to education and counseling on the effects of alcohol and drug use on the fetus; as well as referral for prenatal care.

Documentation of Provision of Interim Services and Referral:

All provider agencies shall maintain documentation of the provision of interim services to referred individuals who are intravenous drug-abusers or pregnant women and a record of the referrals made for prenatal care, HIV and TB testing and treatment services.

Capacity Management:

Network providers shall report to Region V System's Network Management whenever full (90%) capacity is reached and/or if an IV drug-abusing individual is unable to be admitted to a treatment program. Providers shall submit weekly capacity and wait list reports that include a unique patient identifier for each injecting drug abuser seeking treatment including those receiving interim services while awaiting admission to treatment to Region V System's Network Management. Programs shall have a mechanism in place for maintaining contact with the individuals awaiting admission.