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POLICY:
PROVISION OF TUBERCULOSIS SERVICES
SUPERCEDES: MHSUS PROGRAMMATIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FOR ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND OTHER DRUG SERVICES

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I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that tuberculosis services are made available to clients receiving treatment for substance abuse either directly or through arrangements with other public or nonprofit private entities.

II. REFERENCES:

45 CFR 96.127
NNA/DMC State-County Contract, Exhibit A, Attachment 1, Section M

III. POLICY:

It is the policy of County Mental Health and Substance Use Services (MHSUS) that all individuals receiving treatment for substance abuse have available access to tuberculosis services including:

1. Counseling the individual with respect to tuberculosis;
2. Testing to determine whether the individual has been infected with mycobacteria tuberculosis to determine the appropriate form of treatment for the individual; and
3. Providing for or referring the individual infected by mycobacteria tuberculosis for appropriate medical evaluation and treatment.

IV. AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY:

Contract Managers
Alcohol and Drug Administrator
MHSUS Director

V. PROCEDURE:

The County ensures that County-operated and contracted services funded under the NNA/DMC State-County Contract comply with requirements of funding sources and applicable laws and regulations through the below methods.
County-operated and contracted services will ensure appropriate access through the following:

1. Advise clients of their rights to tuberculosis services in writing, and filed within the client’s file.
2. Refer individuals in need of substance abuse treatment who are denied admission to the program on the basis of lack of capacity of the program to admit the individual to another provider of tuberculosis services.
3. Implement infection control procedures established by the principal agency of the State for substance abuse, in cooperation with the State Department of Health/Tuberculosis Control Officer, which are designed to prevent the transmission of tuberculosis, including the following:
   a. Screening of patients;
   b. Identification of those individuals who are at high risk of becoming infected; and
   c. Meeting all State reporting requirements while adhering to Federal and State confidentiality requirements, including 42 CFR part 2; and
   d. Conducting case management activities to ensure that individuals receive such services
   e. Report all individuals identified with active tuberculosis to the appropriate State official as required by law and consistent with paragraph (a)(3)(iii) of Title 45, Section 96.122.

Contractor compliance with this policy shall be achieved through:

1. Distribution of the NNA-SAPT Block Grant Requirements in the Contractor Manual annually at contract renewal.
2. Approval of contract as to form and legal affect by county counsel.
3. Signature of Contractor on contract agreeing to all conditions set forth in the contract.
4. Approval and execution of contract by the County Board of Supervisors or County Administrative Officer.
5. Annual completion of Section 3 of Self Audit (Tuberculosis Services) by Contractor, and subsequent review by MHSUS Contract Manager, including Contractor’s signed attestation of adherence to all laws and regulations.
6. At annual Site Visit, Contract Manager shall review contractor policy and procedures regarding provision of Tuberculosis Services. Contract Manager will also review a sample of client files to review documentation advising clients of their rights related to TB services.

County-operated service compliance with this policy shall be achieved through:

1. Approval of State-County NNA/DMC Contract by Board of Supervisors or authorized designee agreeing to all conditions set forth in the contract.
2. Attestation to compliance with TB Requirements at the annual DHCS Monitoring review.

3. Annual completion of Self Audit, including County Alcohol & Drug Administrator's signed attestation of adherence to all laws and regulations.

4. At annual Site Visit, MHSUS Quality Management shall review policy regarding provision of Tuberculosis Services. Quality Management will also review a sample of client files to review documentation advising clients of their rights related to TB services.