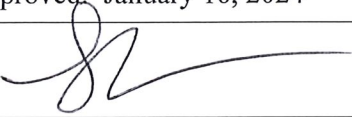


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**POLICY: ADOLESCENT & YOUTH TREATMENT**

**I. PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the County and its contractors are in compliance with federal and state standards and guidelines when providing adolescent and youth treatment services.

**II. REFERENCES:**

State/County Substance Use Prevention and Treatment (SUBG) Performance Contract  
 State/County DMC-ODS Intergovernmental Agreement (IA)  
 DHCS Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines  
 California Health and Safety Code 11759: Adolescent Alcohol and Drug Treatment and Recovery Program Act of 1998

**III. POLICY:**

It is the policy of Marin County Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) to ensure compliance with the terms of the SUBG Performance Contract and DMC-ODS IA with regard to adolescent and youth treatment services. This includes ensuring that BHRS and contracted providers utilize the Department of Health Care Services' (DHCS) Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines in developing and implementing DMC-ODS and SUBG-funded youth treatment programs.

In accordance with the Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment (EPSDT) mandate under section 1905(r) of the Act, BHRS ensures that all Medi-Cal beneficiaries under age 21 who are eligible under EPSDT receive all applicable substance use services needed to correct or ameliorate health conditions that are coverable under section 1905(a) of the Act. Nothing in the DMC-ODS limits or modifies the scope of the EPSDT mandate, and Marin DMC-ODS County is responsible for the provision of SUD services pursuant to the EPSDT mandate.

**IV. AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY:**

Contract Managers  
 County Alcohol and Other Drug Administrator

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**V. PROCEDURE:**

The County of Marin does not provide direct adolescent treatment services to clients, but contracts out services to community based organizations. The County ensures that Contractors receiving funding under the SUBG Performance Contract and DMC-ODS IA comply with requirements of funding sources, including the SUBG Adolescent Treatment Funds, and applicable laws and regulations through the below methods.

The County selects adolescent contractors through a Request for Proposal process. Proposals are analyzed and scored for age-appropriate adolescent services and modalities. The providers must be experienced in current best practices for adolescent service delivery, and programmatic elements must align with DHCS’ Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines.

Contractor compliance with this policy shall be achieved through:

1. Posting of the Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines on the Marin BHRS website and dissemination annually at contract renewal via reference in the Practice Guidelines.
2. Approval of contract as to form and legal affect by county counsel. Contract language includes specific reference to compliance with the Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines and EPSDT mandates.
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, County Administrative Officer or HHS Director.
5. Quarterly Utilization Review of client files is performed by BHRS Quality Management and monthly review of services rendered for adolescent contracted services is performed by the Contract Manager. Reviews are to ensure services provided are aligned to the contract and relevant funding streams and that payments for services adhere to the DHCS funding Hierarchy – Payment of First and Last Resort and allowable uses of SUBG Policy (BHRS-69).
6. Annual completion of the Self Audit (Adolescent Treatment Services) by relevant Contractors, and subsequent review by BHRS Contract Manager, including Contractor’s signed attestation of adherence to all laws and regulations.
7. At annual Site Visit, Contract Manager shall review contractor policy and procedures regarding youth treatment and review a sample of personnel files to ensure staff qualifications and services provided align with the Adolescent Best Practice Guidelines.