

California State Office of AIDS

**Report to San Francisco EMA HIV Health Services Planning Council
May 2015**

Office of AIDS (OA) Division/Cross Branch Issues

- On March 10, 2015, OA released a statewide communication regarding its intention to conduct a comprehensive statewide needs assessment for its statewide integrated plan. The needs assessment and integrated plan are due to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in September 2016. OA's goal is that the needs assessment will be a joint effort with Ryan White (RW) Part A recipients and the Los Angeles and San Francisco HIV Prevention programs, and will be useful for both OA and its partners in guiding future planning activities. OA will continue to keep stakeholders informed of its activities through webinars and conference calls.

The Statewide Communication is located on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/StatewideIntegratedPlan-2016.aspx

RW Part B: HIV Care Program (HCP)

- On April 14, 2015, a Request for Application (RFA) for 2015 HCP and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding was released to HCP and MAI Contractors. The RFA packet included 2015 budget instructions, 2015 budget forms, and Management Memo 15-05. The Memo informed HCP and MAI Contractors of the compliance requirement regarding allowable administrative costs.

An informational teleconference was conducted for contractors on April 16, 2015, to review Management Memo 15-05 and the budget instructions and answer questions. HCP Management Memos are located on the OA website at [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/HIV%20Care%20Program%20\(HCP\)%20Management%20Memos.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/HIV%20Care%20Program%20(HCP)%20Management%20Memos.aspx).

- On April 29, 2015, OA conducted an informational webinar for consumers about the OA application to HRSA for a waiver from the core medical services requirement. The webinar was part of the OA's public process to inform consumers of the state's decision to request a waiver and allow for them to provide feedback. OA will welcome feedback from consumers and RW providers until May 8, 2015. Feedback can be provided to local Planning Council/Group Chairs or directly to OA by sending an email to marjorie.katz@cdph.ca.gov.

For more information, the following resources are located on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OACPG.aspx:

- Core Medical Services Waiver Fact Sheet
 - Slides from the April 29th core medical services waiver webinar
 - Recording of the April 29th core medical services waiver webinar
- OA has developed instructions for RW partners who would like to request a letter of support from OA for HRSA applications. All requests should be submitted to a HCP, Care Operations Advisor and allow for at least a 10-business day turnaround, as stated in the instructions. The instructions are located on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/tOACareProviders.aspx.

RW Part B: AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- ADAP Management Memo 2015-06, dated April 8, 2015 was distributed to the ADAP Enrollment Workers and addresses reinstating Medi-Cal Expansion (MCE) grace period from 90 days to 45 day effective April 17, 2015.
- ADAP Management Memo 2015-07, dated April 13, 2015, was distributed to the Local ADAP Coordinators and Enrollment Workers to inform them of updates regarding the OA-Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Covered California client letters and additional 1095-A information ADAP sent to the OA-HIPP clients.

ADAP Management Memos are located on the OA website at www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Pages/OAADAPMM.aspx.

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