DATE: July 22, 2019

TO: MONO COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF THE MONO COUNTY HARM REDUCTION PROJECT SYRINGE SERVICES PROGRAM

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA) is pleased to inform you that the Mono County Behavioral Health application to provide syringe services has been approved. CDPH, OA has determined that Mono County Behavioral Health Harm Reduction Project has met the requirements outlined in California Health and Safety Code (HSC) Section 121349 to qualify for authorization. Additionally, CDPH, OA has determined that conditions exist for the rapid spread of HIV, viral hepatitis, or other blood-borne diseases in Mono County. Authorization is effective July 22, 2019 through July 22, 2021. Mono County Behavioral Health may apply for renewal before the end of the two-year period.

California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Subchapter 15, Syringe Exchange Program Certification, requires that certified syringe services programs (SSPs) record both adverse incidents and positive interactions between local law enforcement and SSP staff, volunteers or participants; document concerns and positive feedback expressed by program participants, community members, neighborhood associations and/or local law enforcement officials; and document steps the program has taken to address any reasonable concerns. CDPH, OA will contact you to discuss these and other data and reporting requirements, and work with you to support your efforts to address any concerns that arise.

Mono County Harm Reduction Project is approved to provide syringe services at two fixed-site locations in Mammoth Lake and Walker, and via weekly county-wide mobile home delivery services. Operating days, hours and locations are subject to change after consultation with and approval from CDPH, OA, as the need for services changes. The approved operating sites are the following:
• Mono County Behavioral Health at 452 Old Mammoth Road, #304, Mammoth Lakes, California;
  o Monday through Thursday 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and Friday 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.;
• Walker Wellness Center at 107655 Highway 395, Walker, California;
  o Mondays and Wednesdays 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; and
• Mobile health outreach: Weekly home delivery services as needed to reach people who cannot access fixed sites.

We appreciate the dedication of all who worked to submit this application. Thank you for your efforts in HIV and hepatitis C prevention, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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