DATE: March 20, 2019

TO: Siskiyou County Public Health – Siskiyou County Syringe Service Program

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF THE SISKIYOU COUNTY SYRINGE SERVICE APPLICATION

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Office of AIDS (OA) is pleased to inform you that the Siskiyou County Syringe Service Program (SCSSP) application to provide syringe services has been approved. CDPH, OA has determined that SCSSP 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 Siskiyou County. Authorization is effective March 18, 2019 through March 18, 2021. SCSSP 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.

Siskiyou County Syringe Service Program is approved to provide syringe services at multiple locations within Siskiyou County via a mobile van. The approved operating times and sites include:

1) Every first and third Thursday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., by the Siskiyou County Behavioral Health building in the area between Greenhorn Road, Interstate 5 and Outsen Road;

2) Every second and fourth Thursday, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., by the Siskiyou County Public Health building in the Greenway, in an area between Main Street, Oberlin Road and Montague Road; and
3) Every second and fourth Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., by the Tulelake Police Department in an area between Highway 139, Stateline Road, Yost Road and Ridgeview Street.

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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