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TO: CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE OF LOCAL AIDS DIRECTORS
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CALIFORNIA OFFICE OF AIDS AND DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND
DRUG PROGRAMS SERVICE PROVIDERS

SUBJECT: HIV SET-ASIDE ALLOCATIONS FROM THE CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOL AND DRUG PROGRAMS

On September 20, 2012 the California Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs (ADP) issued a bulletin on the [State Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2012-13 Budget Act Allocation](#) to counties. Included in memo are the allocations to county Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) departments for HIV Early Intervention Services (EIS), often referred to as HIV Set-Aside funds.

[ADP guidance](#) on the use of EIS funds changed last year to allow AOD departments to fund infectious disease testing, including testing for viral hepatitis. The new guidance also places greater emphasis on outreach services for out-of-treatment injection drug users (IDUs). EIS funds may now be used for:

- HIV testing for individuals in drug substance use disorder (SUD) programs;
- Care for HIV-positive individuals in SUD treatment, including such expenses as transportation to medical appointments, medical case management, and patient navigation assistance to retain patients in HIV care;
- Hepatitis B and C screening for individuals in SUD treatment;
- Testing for sexually transmitted diseases for individuals in SUD treatment; and
- Outreach and infectious disease testing for out-of-treatment injection drug users, (which may be provided by agencies that also provide syringe exchange, although syringe exchange itself may not be funded with EIS funds.)

In order to learn more about how EIS funds are used in their counties, AIDS Directors and other interested parties may check the allocations made to each county AOD department for HIV EIS. The allocations are listed in column 4 of [Exhibit B](#), "FFY 2013 Award Total HIV Set-Aside," in the above-mentioned bulletin.

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Many county AOD departments have contracted with their local public health department to provide EIS to individuals in drug treatment programs. In other counties, local AOD departments coordinate funding decisions with the local health department in order to avoid gaps in services and duplication, and in order to seize opportunities for synergistic use of funds.

A list of contacts for California AOD Directors can be found at the web site of the [County Drug and Alcohol Administrators Association of California](#). The California Department of Public Health, Office of AIDS (OA) is continuing to work with ADP to encourage collaboration at the local level, as well as to enhance collaboration at the state level. We will keep you apprised of changes that affect these funds.

Thank you for your continued work to support people with and at risk for HIV infection.

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