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CARE 2 Ramp-Down

The current CARE grant (CARE 2) will expire September 29, 2010. ADP plans to submit a request to SAMHSA to extend the grant through the end of the calendar year to ensure we meet our goals and have an orderly close out. However, until an extension is approved, we have to operate within the existing timeframes. Therefore, the following steps will be necessary over the next few months to ramp down and close out the grant:

- Voucher timeframes will be adjusted so that none end later than September 29. If we receive approval for a grant extension, providers will be able to request extensions on active vouchers that were issued with a shorter-than-normal timeframe.
- Longer-term and more costly vouchers will be discontinued (we'll let you know when).
- Providers will need to submit billings as close to real-time as possible, but at least weekly, to enable us to determine how much of clients' vouchers have been redeemed.
- Vouchers with no activity for ten days will be closed to ensure that all unredeemed funds can be reclaimed for use with other clients.
- Providers should inform potential clients that CARE will have limited services so the individual can determine whether they are interested in beginning services that they may not be able to maintain as currently offered.

Some of the potential negative impact of these policies may be mitigated if we receive a third CARE grant. For example, we hope to avoid any gap in services, and CARE 2 clients may be able to be re-admitted under CARE 3 to receive continuing care services that they were unable to receive because of the close-out. We do not yet know when the grant awards will be made, but we will keep you posted.

With these issues in mind, we encourage you to outreach to potential clients now so that they can receive as much benefit from CARE services as possible before they must be discharged or transferred to another program. If your organization has reached its client cap yet has the capacity to serve more clients, please contact one of the CARE staff and we will consider an increase.

Contact Us:

www.california-cares4youth.com

CARE Call Center:

866.350.8773

GPRAs Q and A

Question: Do providers need to do six-month follow up GPRAs for clients whose interviews are due after the end of the grant period?

Answer: No. However, if the grant period is extended beyond September 29, 2010 and the client's GPRAs become due during the extension period, the GPRAs interview must be completed.

CARE 3 Preparation

Providers will need to re-apply to participate in CARE 3, and the application will become available on the CARE website once we receive notice of grant award. Also, since CARE 3 will target active military personnel and veterans ages 18-25 (in addition to youth), providers should take advantage of training on serving the military population, such as the on-line course, *Understanding the Language of Warriors: Substance Abuse Treatment for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans* mentioned further on in this newsletter.

Clients Served & Funds Redeemed (as of 5/31/10)

- Total clients served: 5,864 (goal is 6,900)
- Voucher funds redeemed: \$8,688,980 (of \$11.5 million available)

Monthly Provider Call

The next provider call will be held on July 7, 2010 from 11 am to noon. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to ask questions, provide input and share with your peers. Look for an email reminder with the call-in numbers. While we won't be distributing minutes, if a new issue arises or there is a question that we haven't clarified previously, ADP will send out an email or put the information in the next newsletter for those who were unable to join the call.

Provider Performance Summaries

By now, you should have received a review of your organization's activity for CARE clients served since January 2009, as well as a summary of where your organization stands in comparison with other providers related to CARE process measures (retention in treatment, cost per client, and GPRAs compliance). We hope you will find these helpful for determining client needs, making necessary adjustments and improvements, and marketing your program.

**We want
your
success
stories!**

Please forward to ADP with the Client Consent Form located on the CARE website under "Provider Info".

Training and Resources

Understanding the Language of Warriors: Substance Abuse Treatment for Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans

This on-line course will begin July 26, 2010 and run for 4 weeks. The required time commitment is two hours per week (8 contract hours). The cost is between \$60 and \$100 depending on your professional certification/status. For the official course announcement, click here: <http://www.browndlp.org/dlpanouncement.php?course=160>.

Building Bridges: Promoting the Care Continuum

This webinar will describe a Quality Improvement Initiative that was implemented to facilitate clients' transition from residential to outpatient treatment. The information is consistent with the CARE program's model of linking clients to outpatient services when they have completed residential treatment, and providing all clients with continuing care (aftercare) services when they have completed outpatient treatment. It will be held Wednesday, June 23, 2010 at 10:00 am PST. To register, click on the button below.

[Register Now](#)

Recovery at Any Age: Young People Can and Do Recover

This year, in preparation for Recovery Month in September, SAMHSA is doing a Road to Recovery monthly TV series, and June's topic is "Recovery at Any Age: Young People Can and Do Recover." You can view the TV series at this link and sign up for updates:

<http://www.recoverymonth.gov/Resources-Catalog/2010/Email-Blasts/Road-to-Recovery-Update-6-2-2010.aspx>

A Promising Practice to Enhance Client Motivation: Dorchester County's Story

This free webinar is part of NIATx's Action Campaign to help behavioral health organizations reduce costs, improve services, and increase revenue. It will be held Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 9:00 am PST. For the webinar video presentation, go to: <http://niatx.na6.acrobat.com/adv/> or you can join just the webinar audio by calling 1-866-642-1665, pass code 821938. Note: The webinar room has a capacity of 200 participants and access will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.