FIELD-BASED SERVICES

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FIELD-BASED SERVICES: OVERVIEW

• New under START-ODS: Field-Based Services (FBS) is an available delivery method for Outpatient Services, Intensive Outpatient Services, and Recovery Support Services.

• Goal of FBS is to provide services for patients in non-traditional SUD settings as a method to promote treatment engagement and retention.

• FBS will allow services to be provided in a variety of settings to meet the needs of the clients.
FBS: OVERVIEW

• Beginning June 15, 2017, DPH-SAPC started accepting Work Plan applications for agencies that propose to provide treatment services via FBS.

• DPH-SAPC will review and approve appropriate Work Plans that aim to meet the needs of the proposed populations.

• DPH-SAPC anticipates first round of approved FBS site locations to roll out by the first quarter of Fiscal Year (FY) 2017-2018.
• Contractors proposing FBS must have a main site that is already Drug Medi-Cal-certified (DMC-certified) and listed on the SAPC START-ODS contract.

• Proposed FBS sites must be appropriate settings for the delivery of services.
FBS: ELIGIBILITY

• Current DMC-certified SAPC Contractors are eligible to incorporate the FBS benefit into their program.

• As part of the FBS Work Plan review process, proposed new sites would be subjected to a walk-through; sites requiring a walk-through would need approval from SAPC before Contractors can commence FBS.

• Inspections for existing FBS sites will be waived if those sites have already provided SUD treatment services under a SAPC contract; however, providers would need to complete the FBS Work Plan.
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION: GENERAL INFORMATION

• The Work Plan must outline the target population(s) to be served via FBS, experience of the Contractor, and the proposed site location(s) for FBS.

• The Work Plan summary and narrative must be submitted to SAPC for review and approval prior to commencement of FBS.

• Approved Work Plans will become an attachment to the contract and may be revised with SAPC’s approval as needed to meet the needs of County residents accessing treatment through FBS.
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION: REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

• FBS Work Plan summary page

• Supporting narrative to FBS Work Plan summary

• List of proposed site addresses

• Memorandum of Understanding (already established and executed)
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION:
SUPPORTING NARRATIVE INFORMATION

• Service Modality
  – Service modality to be provided (i.e., Outpatient Services, Intensive Outpatient Services, and Recovery Support Services)

• Staff Experience
  – Years/type of experience Contractor has serving the proposed population

• Staff Availability
  – Days/hours of operation at FBS locations
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION: SUPPORTING NARRATIVE INFORMATION

- Process for meeting service expectations
  - E.g., culturally competent services, case management, and evidenced-based practices

- Adherence to confidentiality rules and regulations in an FBS service site

- Additional information to support the justification for FBS, as needed
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION: TIPS

• Read all FBS documents (i.e., SAPC Bulletin No. 17-03-START and attachments) to ensure Contractors follow directions

• Demonstrate that you can provide services to specialized populations

• Submit well-written applications
  – Provide required and sufficient information
  – Be concise (Narrative has 3-page maximum)
  – Proofread
FBS WORK PLAN APPLICATION: TIPS

• Reasons for denied Work Plans

– Incomplete forms or missing/insufficient narratives
– Summary page not matching the experience in narrative
– Lack of demonstrated experience with target populations proposed
– Inappropriate proposed settings that will prevent adherence to confidentiality rules and regulations
FBS: COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1) **Question**: Can Contractors provide services at a client’s residence?
   **Answer**: No, in Year 1, single family residences will not be allowable FBS locations. SAPC will revisit this option in the future.

2) **Question**: Can Contractors utilize FBS at their own service site while the site is pending DMC certification?
   **Answer**: No, FBS cannot be used in lieu of an agency site receiving DMC certification. FBS are intended to be used at sites that are not directly operated by the Contractor.

3) **Question**: Does the FBS site location need to be DMC-certified?
   **Answer**: The host site does not need to be DMC-certified. The Contractor proposing to conduct services must be tied to a DMC-certified site that is contracted by SAPC.
4) **Question:** Can a Contractor conduct FBS in an in-custody setting?

**Answer:** No, DMC does not cover in-custody treatment services, therefore FBS are not allowable in-custody.

5) **Question:** Can Contractors propose to serve other target populations not listed on the Work Plan summary page?

**Answer:** Yes, there is an “Other” option for target populations, however the Contractor will need to include in the narrative the justification to serve proposed target population and the Contractor’s experience to be able to meet proposed target population’s need.
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6) **Question**: Can Contractors conduct all service components of Outpatient and Intensive Outpatient via FBS?

**Answer**: Yes, all Outpatient Services and Intensive Outpatient Services in addition to Recovery Support Services are allowable at approved FBS sites.

7) **Question**: In regards to school locations, are providers limited to only Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) sites?

**Answer**: No, there is an “Other” option for service site locations, which may include other proposed school sites with executed MOUs.
THANK YOU

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