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SAPC BULLETIN #15-02

TO: Executive Directors

FROM: Wesley L. Ford, M.A., M.P.H., Director
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SUBJECT: **GENERAL RELIEF MSARP NAME CHANGE AND SANCTION POLICY**

This is to notify you that the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) changed the name of the Mandatory Substance Abuse Recovery Program (MSARP) to the Mandatory Substance Use Disorder Recovery Program (MSUDRP). Effective immediately the MSARP will be referred to as the MSUDRP. DPSS clarifies that MSUDRP is a condition of General Relief (GR) eligibility but is not a GR Opportunities for Work requirement.

DPSS established the new GR noncompliance and sanction policy. If GR participants fail to comply with the MSUDRP or do not attend hearing appointments due to any willful or negligent noncompliance(s) accumulated without good cause, GR benefits will be denied or terminated and a progressive sanction may be imposed.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Pauline Lopez at (626) 299-4518 or via email at plopez@ph.lacounty.gov.

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