

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report Policy

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Policy

It is the policy of the Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to ensure required substance use disorder (SUD) treatment capacity data is collected and reported via the Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR) for monthly submission to the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS). DHCS mandates data collection and reporting of all counties receiving state or federal funding of SUD services to accurately evaluate treatment capacity and conduct future service projections to support funding.

Purpose

To outline DATAR collection/reporting requirements and provide instruction to DBH and contracted provider Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services (SUDRS) staff for collecting and reporting drug and alcohol treatment access information. DATAR allows treatment capacity projections by identifying individuals awaiting treatment as well as possible treatment facilities for these individuals. DATAR is a supplement to the California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS) client reporting system.

Definitions

California Outcomes Measurement System (CalOMS)- a data collection and reporting system for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment services.

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Access Report (DATAR)- provides essential information about the capacity of California's publicly funded SUD treatment system to meet the demand for services.

Reporting Requirements

DATAR reporting requirements include the following:

- SUDRS providers must submit DATAR information directly to DHCS by the fifth (5th) of each month in accordance with contract requirements.
- Providers with current client enrollment over 90% of capacity must also report exceeding this limit to DBH-SUDRS Administration and DHCS.
- DBH-SUDRS staff will review DATAR no later than the first (1st) business day after the tenth (10th) day of each month to ensure all provider data has been entered.
- DATAR data submitted will also be reviewed to ensure all providers reporting capacity over 90% or the existence of a waitlist have reported this timely, as indicated above.

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Note: SUDRS providers whose data has not been entered will be contacted and directed to enter their data on that day.

Corrective Action Plans

Corrective Action Plans will be submitted by providers for all reporting deficiencies.

- DATAR and capacity reporting deficiencies will be cited during annual monitoring visits and the provider shall submit a corrective action plan (CAP) for all cited deficiencies.
- The CAP shall detail how and when the provider will remedy the deficiencies.
- DBH shall monitor compliance with CAP requirements.
- DBH will verify that providers have taken and completed corrective action within the specified timeline of the approved CAP.

Related Policy or Procedure

DBH Standard Practice Manual and Departmental Forms:

- Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services Program Monitoring Review Policy (SUDRS0207)
- Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services Program Monitoring Review Procedure (SUDRS0207-1)
- SUDRS DATAR Procedure (SUDRS0236-1)

Reference(s)

- DHCS DATARWeb User Manual April 2014
- DHCS Data De-Identification Guidelines November 2016
- Perinatal Practice Guidelines FY 2018-2019