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**PURPOSE**

This Bulletin is being issued to clarify the funding source(s) which may be used by perinatal residential substance abuse providers for reimbursement of client room and board expenses.

**DISCUSSION**

Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51341.1(c)(4)(C) states that "...room and board shall not be reimbursed through the Medi-Cal program." These regulations are referenced in both the current county contract boilerplate and the Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs' (ADP) current Interagency Agreement with the Department of Health Services.

Expenses related to room and board may only be paid by client fees, county funds, Perinatal State General Funds [formerly called Perinatal Treatment Expansion Program funds], and Perinatal Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) funds [formerly called federal Perinatal Set-Aside and Perinatal Pilot Project funds].

Federal law allows states to use block grant funds according to the expenditure of state funds

and does not specifically prohibit the use of SAPT funds to pay for room and board. However, Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 96.137 states that Block Grant funds will be the “payment of last resort.”

## REFERENCES

[ADP Letter #98-16](#) (April 9, 1998)

County Contract Boilerplate, 1998-2001, Part I (Negotiated Net Amount), and Part II (D/MC) Interagency Agreement, Fiscal Year 1998-99, Section 7.B.5.(C),

AB 390, Chapter 429, Statutes of 1991

Title 45, Code of Federal Regulations, Subpart L (SAPT Block Grant Requirements),  
Sections 96.30, 96.135, and 96.137

Title 22, California Code of Regulations, Section 51341.1(c)(4)(C)

## HISTORY

ADP Letter #93-08 (December 24, 1993), notified county alcohol and drug program administrators of the implementation of Assembly Bill 390 (Speier). The bill included residential services as a D/MC benefit for substance abusing, pregnant and parenting women, to the extent that federal financial participation is available.

The letter states that perinatal services reimbursed through D/MC include treatment expenses only. Treatment cost may include the following: intake; assessment; diagnosis; evaluation; individual and group counseling; education on parenting skills; child care and HIV/AIDS; vocational training; transportation; and other acceptable costs such as urine surveillance.

The all-inclusive maximum allowance established in State Fiscal Year 1993-1994 included treatment and room and board costs. Counties were advised to negotiate provisional D/MC reimbursement rates based on actual treatment cost data **exclusive** of room and board.

The current statewide maximum allowance for perinatal residential treatment services does not include room and board.

## QUESTIONS/MAINTENANCE

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