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TO: All County Lead Agencies (ACLA)

SUBJECT:            **SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND CRIME PREVENTION ACT OF 2000  
(SACPA) – CALCULATION OF 12 MONTHS OF TREATMENT**

REFERENCE:        California Penal Code Sections 1210.1 and 3063.1

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification on calculating the length of treatment for probationers and parolees funded pursuant to the Substance Abuse and Crime Prevention Act of 2000 (SACPA).

The start date for treatment for purposes of SACPA funding is the date that the client is actually admitted to treatment. While intake and assessment are important components of treatment, it is after admission that the work and benefit of treatment begin. If SACPA clients are to receive the full benefits of the assessed period of treatment, the time should begin with the actual admission to the program.

Because SACPA is in its second year of implementation, questions have arisen regarding calculation of the 12-month limit on SACPA funded treatment. In the course of participating in SACPA, a client may experience interruptions in treatment. Although twelve calendar months may have passed from the original date of conviction, a client may have received less than 12 months of treatment. To allow the client to experience the maximum benefit of treatment, the 12 months may be calculated based on the cumulative total number of days that the client is enrolled in and participating in a treatment program. The cumulative total can be calculated by adding the length of each episode of treatment.

If you have any questions about this matter, please contact your SACPA county liaison or email [SACPA@adp.state.ca.us](mailto:SACPA@adp.state.ca.us).

Sincerely,

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