



when Medi-Cal is billed for the same service

6. Clarification on circumstances in which funds may be used for inpatient hospital-based substance abuse programs
7. Clarification on the types of audits required based upon the amount of a subcontract to a nonprofit organization

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Federal SABG funding is allocated based on the Federal Grant award period. Expenditure periods for funding is 21 months. The additional \$49,136 of discretionary funds from this amendment must be expended by June 30, 2021. The Department will assess if the additional funds are needed at FY2019/20 Midyear and will adjust the Working Budget at that time if needed. The costs associated with preparing the agenda item are nominal and absorbed by the department's FY2019/20 Adopted Budget.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Substance Abuse Block Grant provides counties with funds that are to be used for substance use disorder (SUD) prevention, treatment, recovery support, and other services, as a supplement to the services funded by Medi-Cal, Medicare, or private insurances. SABG funds are considered a funding source of last resort; any services that are billable to an insurance must be used first, with a few exceptions. Solano County uses SABG funds in all SUD service contracts to reimburse for services that are not funded by Medi-Cal, namely residential treatment, individual counseling, and case management support.

The SABG program targets the following populations and service areas:

- Pregnant women and women with dependent children;
- Intravenous Drug Users;
- Tuberculosis services; and
- Primary prevention services for individuals not identified as needing treatment - Primary prevention services are overseen by the Public Health Division and are guided by a five-year Prevention Plan which is available online at [vibesolano.com](http://vibesolano.com).

In addition to Primary Prevention, SABG also includes a set-aside for Friday Night Live (student prevention programs), perinatal substance use disorder treatment, and adolescent and youth treatment. SABG can also be used for aftercare services as well as sober living housing for clients while they are in outpatient treatment. The current SABG Policy Manual which outlines guidelines for use of these funds can be accessed at: [dhcs.ca.gov](http://dhcs.ca.gov) under the category of "services."

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The Board could choose not to approve this contract. This is not recommended because this contract is required to continue providing services with these allocated funds and the current amendment includes an increase in the allocation to Solano County.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

There are no other agencies involved in this contract, but several contracted providers receive funds associated with this State contract.

**CAO RECOMMENDATION:**

**APPROVE DEPARTMENTAL RECOMMENDATION**