

## **PROPOSITION 36**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **1. May any treatment program provide services for Proposition 36 participants?**

- Only licensed and/or certified treatment programs, who are contracted with Los Angeles County, may provide Proposition 36 treatment services.

#### **2. How do agencies become licensed and/or certified to provide Proposition 36 services?**

- All licensing and certification is done by the California State Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs. They may be contacted at (916) 322-2911 or [www.adp.cahwnet.gov](http://www.adp.cahwnet.gov).

#### **3. Once my program is certified by the State, how do I get a contract to provide services in Los Angeles County?**

- Los Angeles County contracts with community-based treatment programs through a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) process. Agencies may contact the Alcohol and Drug Program Administration (ADPA) Planning Division at (626) 299-4571 to request to be added to ADPA's Bidders list. An RFP for Proposition 36 services was released September 24, 2002. For additional information on the release of the RFP for Proposition 36 or any other services, please check elsewhere on our website.

#### **4. May an agency with multiple sites provide Proposition 36 services at any of its program sites?**

- Yes, if each site has been licensed and/or certified to provide treatment services and is approved by Alcohol and Drug Program Administration.

#### **5. Is continuing care (aftercare) required for Proposition 36 program participants?**

- Yes, treatment providers shall address continuing care as part of their discharge plan that is presented to the Court. It is up to the Court to order participation.

#### **6. Are continuing care (aftercare) services reimbursable?**

- Continuing care is considered part of the overall continuum of care for Proposition 36 participants and must be addressed in each client's discharge plan to the Court. If the Court orders/approves continuing care, this activity is reimbursable for up to one group visit per month for a maximum of six months after the participant has completed the treatment phase of the program.

However, please note since this activity is considered part of the normal continuum of care, no additional dollars will be allocated for these services. Therefore, billings will be deducted from your existing Proposition 36 treatment allocations.

#### **7. What happens to participants who begin their Proposition 36 treatment in residential programs?**

- Los Angeles County allows residential treatment up to 180 days, but the total treatment length is 280 days (plus continuing care if ordered by the court). Therefore, participants must complete their treatment in Proposition 36 outpatient programs. Residential services providers who do not also provide Proposition 36 outpatient services must coordinate the transfers with the Community Assessment Services Centers.

#### **8. Concerning primary treatment versus continuing care, when should providers discharge participants using the Los Angeles County Participant Reporting System (LACPRS)?**

- Treatment providers complete the LACPRS information when either of the following occurs:  
1) participants complete continuing care; or  
2) participants are transferred from a residential program to outpatient program to complete treatment.

#### **9. Whom may I call with additional questions regarding Proposition 36 services?**

- Questions regarding Proposition 36 services should be directed to ADPA's Helpline at (888) 742-7900. Specially trained staff at this number can assist you and answer questions. Helpline hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Voicemail is available during non-business hours. Messages left on voicemail will be returned the next business day.

In addition, questions regarding Proposition 36 billing should be directed to ADPA's Financial Services Division at (626) 299-4180.