The Public Health Service Act of 1944, Section 505(a), (42 U.S.C. Section 290aa-4) directs the SAMHSA Administrator to collect data on the number of public and private behavioral health treatment programs and the number and characteristics of individuals seeking treatment through such programs. The Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (Bureau) issued Management Memorandum 18-004 titled, “New Division Criteria & Program Reporting” dated June 28, 2018, that required certified treatment programs, private, public, or Bureau-funded entities to report Treatment Episode Data Sets (TEDS) to the Bureau, monthly, in a format determined by the Division.

Pursuant to Title 42-Public Health and Welfare, Section 290aa-4 (a-d) “Data collection;” the Bureau is required to collect TEDS from facilities regarding their admissions and discharges from substance abuse/mental health treatment and to submit TEDS data directly to Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Currently, TEDS compiles client-level data for substance abuse treatment and mental health admissions from the Bureau’s-funded entities.

It is important to note that the TEDS that is collected and reported to SAMHSA is extremely important. This data is analyzed by SAMHSA and the Bureau to obtain a better understanding of the State of Nevada’s trends, outcomes, and to identify deficiencies that need to be addressed. Lack of TEDS data provides an incomplete picture of the availability and access to substance abuse treatment statewide. This data is not only of importance to the State and Federal Government but also to entities within Nevada seeking federal funding.
The purpose of this communication is to ensure all providers are again notified the Bureau is requiring all providers who receive any financial support directly or indirectly from the Bureau, regardless of the amount, to submit TEDS reporting for the provider’s entire operation and not just for the services reimbursed by the Bureau. The TEDS reporting is due no later than the 4th of the month. The TEDS reporting must be in fixed-length ASCII flat format and submitted to the State SFTP site.

All providers must have their TEDS data up-to-date and submitted by July 1, 2019 and by the 4th of each month thereafter. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the Bureau delaying payments for any outstanding Request for Reimbursements and/or impact future funding opportunities.

It is the goal of the Bureau to provide guidance to all certified treatment programs, private, public, or Bureau-funded entities when meeting SAMHA requirements for reaching full data reporting compliance.

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