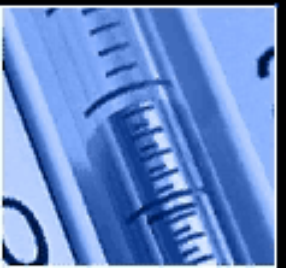
NTP Regulatory Alignment Project

Mission: Align California's NTP regulations and requirements with the federal governments while maintaining the health and safety of our patients.

GOALS

1. Identify areas of alignment.
2. Identify data elements and collection tools for evaluation.
3. Identify barriers & possible emergent issues.
4. Provide technical assistance and training for NTPs.
5. Define appropriate timeframe for the project.



Goal 1 Objectives

Identify Areas of Alignment:

- Detox & Maintenance Admission
  - 21 vs. 180 days (T22 issue) (state would benefit from 180 detox state not processing claim/paperwork staff time)
- Examination
  - Safety to dose is part of federal regs (physical dependence vs. entire history) Look at accreditation guidelines) T22 issues on tests paid
- Drug Testing
  - CSAM – what's necessary for the community

Research lab HSC and regs (DPH)

Point of service UAs/Dips not tested by lab but used for entry into tx not covered ($), immediacy of results.

- Body specimen vs. UA, 8 per year, no use of a cert./lab, patient rights/respect
- Take Homes
  - Dilution in liquid, use discs/wafers (esp. long-term stable pt on long-term TH)
  - Flexibility on the refill for 30 day take-homes
  - Data Methadone diversion from NTP clinics
  - NTPAC says remove ALL criteria (not revise)
  - Proposal to eliminate dilute req. of TH
- Pregnant Patients
  - Unnecessary for compliant pt??
- One-Day Closure
  - Program flexibility
- Counseling Requirements
  - T22 issues – family counseling etc.
  - Provide counseling as necessary – prove necessity using standardized tool
- Annual Justification
  - We don't justify tx of other diagnosed medical conditions
- Labs (See drug testing)
- Electronic records
  - Get bulletin out.
- 10355 (g) – mid level practitioners/making changes in dose
- 10160 (a) – consecutive numbering
- 10160(b) – dosing sheets in file
- 51516.1(h)(2) 200 min/mo counseling cap to $ cap (T22)