

REGIONAL CENTER PURCHASE OF SERVICES (POS) DATA LIMITATIONS OF POS EXPENDITURE DATA

The following pages provide information for Westside Regional Center's purchase of services data for the 2013-14 fiscal year as required by section 4519.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. We encourage the reader to review all of the information including the first pages that indicate some of the limitations of the data.

1. Purchase of Service Costs

The Purchase of Service (POS) data displayed represents the cost of services that Clients received that are paid for by the regional center. This POS expenditure data does not include the cost of services Clients receive that are paid for by Supplemental Security Income, Medi-Cal, the school system, and other generic agencies. The POS expenditure data represents expenditures the regional center made for services Clients received during Fiscal Year (FY) 2013-14 based on regional center POS state claim data that was provided to DDS as of November 30, 2014. The regional center may still make payments for services provided to Clients during FY 2013-14 up until June 2016.

2. Client Count

The total number of Clients who received services during the fiscal year will be greater than the regional center's actual caseload. A Client is included in the data if the Client received a regional center funded service at any time during the fiscal year. A Client who received a single service once during the year is counted the same as a Client who received ongoing monthly services. The Client is also counted regardless of their current status with the regional center. The data may include Clients whose current status is closed, transferred-out, in-active, etc. if the Client received regional center services during FY 2013-14. Additionally, the data includes Clients who may not have received any services beyond case management.

3. Contract Purchase of Service Expenditures

Due to the limitations of the regional center uniform fiscal system (UFS), POS expenditure data may not include payments made by the regional center that are paid to a service provider under a "contract". Currently, UFS is unable to allocate expenditures paid to a service provider under a "contract" to Clients utilizing the "contract" service. Therefore, POS expenditures paid under a "contract" are excluded from the POS data. Typical services paid to a service provider under a "contract" may include, but are not limited to, transportation services and supported employment program (SEP) group services. Therefore, the total amount of POS expenditures reported will not reconcile with the regional center's actual POS expenditures for FY 2013-14. Westside Regional Center's total POS expenditures for FY 2013-14 were \$137,042,355, thus this report does not include \$6,137,502

4. Authorized Services

Services that are authorized “encumber” the funds needed to pay for those services. The regional center’s computer system (UFS) gives the regional center options regarding the “maintenance” of its encumbrances. When encumbrances are routinely adjusted for non-utilization, there will be a higher utilization percentage. When encumbrances are not routinely adjusted for non-utilizations, there will be a lower utilization rate.

5. Grouping of Purchase of Service Costs

There are many Clients who have more than one diagnosis. In the summary report Purchase of Service Expenditures by Diagnosis and the report Consumers with No Purchase of Service by Diagnosis these Clients will be counted in every category for which they have a diagnosis. As an example, a Client with a diagnosis of both autism and epilepsy will be counted in both the “Autism” and the “Epilepsy” categories. Therefore the sum of the Clients reported in all categories will be more than the total number of Clients served by the regional center.

6. Category 5 Clients

Clients listed in Category 5, according to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4512, are individuals who have “...disabling conditions found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disability, but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.”

7. Individual Program Plan

All services provided through the regional center are a result of a planning team that included the Client, family members, others invited by the Client and a Westside Regional Center service coordinator.

8. Ethnicity

The ethnicity groups were provided by the Department of Developmental Services and were based on previous groups used by DDS in reporting Client demographic data.

9. Residence

Data regarding the residence of Clients is included. In many cases the cost of services for a Client is affected by where the Client lives. For example, Clients living in the home of a parent or guardian will generally have lower costs than a Client who is not living with a parent or guardian.

10. Insurance Copayments and Coinsurance

Beginning with the passage of Senate Bill 946, language was added to section 4659.1 of the Welfare and Institutions code which authorized regional centers to pay any applicable copayment or coinsurance associated with the service or support for which a parent, guardian, or caregiver is responsible. These payments are related to services provided to individuals with a diagnosis of autism. Section 4519.6 of the Welfare and Institutions code added language that requires that regional centers collect and compile data regarding copayments and coinsurance. Westside Regional Center provided copayments or coinsurance to 232 Clients during the 2013-14 fiscal year.