

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 2012-2013 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) 2012-13 based on regional center POS state claim data that was provided to DDS as of November 30, 2013. The regional center may still make payments for services provided to Clients during FY 2012-13 up until June 2015.

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 2012-13. 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 2012-13. Westside's total POS expenditures for FY 2012-13 were \$126,875,232, thus this report does not include \$6,429,966 of contract expenditures.

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. Clients with Multiple Diagnoses

There are many clients who have more than one diagnosis. In the summary reports for Purchase of Service Expenditures by Diagnosis and Consumers with No Purchase of Service by Diagnosis these consumers 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 “Epilepsy” categories. Therefore, the sum of the clients reported in all the 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 mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with mental retardation, 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 WRC 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.