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SUBJECT: Opioid Replacement Therapy

We have identified a data collection issue in WITS impacting the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funding application. The purpose of this communication is to ensure that all providers are appropriately completing client records in WITS. It is critical that client data is entered correctly. Failure to correctly enter client data results in inaccurate data being reported to SAMHSA. When this happens, the State realizes a delay in receiving Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment block grant funding for the following year. SAMSHA will not issue the award until the data discrepancy is cleaned up and justified. Depending on the duration of the delay, payment of services rendered to you, the provider, may also be postponed.

At this time, the State of Idaho does not fund Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) outpatient services or medications. When completing the **admission, treatment program enrollment and discharge sections**, it is vital that all "Methadone Treatment Planned" items be marked "NO." If the client has an opioid-based addiction and costs for methadone or other such medications which are covered by another paying source, please mark "NO" as this service is not being provided as a WITS service and is not funded with State or Federal dollars.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation.