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## **UNITE Treatment Voucher Program Guidelines**

Below is a listing of the eligibility requirements to receive and utilize a UNITE Treatment Voucher:

### **A. Residency Requirements:**

1. Participants must have held residency in the 32 counties served by Operation UNITE for no less than six (6) months prior to applying for treatment voucher funding.
2. Verification of residency shall be documented by providing the following two (2) documents:
  - i. One document must include the applicant's name, address and be dated within thirty (30) days of the application date.
  - ii. One document must include the applicant's name, address and dated at least six (6) months, but not more than eighteen (18) months, prior to the date of application.

### **B. Utilization of Program Benefits:**

1. Participants are given a one-time opportunity to utilize this program.
2. If an approved participant fails to complete their approved treatment program, they shall be considered ineligible for future funding.
3. If an applicant is approved but, for whatever reason, does not utilize any of the voucher funding, they are eligible to reapply in the future.

### **C. Income Requirements:**

1. Income limits are set beginning at the current Federal Poverty Guidelines, which allow \$12,060 gross income per year for a household of one (1) and increases \$4,180 per person as the household size increases.
2. Income verification is required for the applicant, as well as all others residing in the home of current residency, excluding children ages 17 and younger.
3. Participants can verify their income through a variety of sources (including, but not limited to, bank statements and pay stubs).
4. Any participant or family member that is unemployed must submit a Benefit Verification letter, which is available from the Social Security Administration office.

**D. Criminal Charges:**

1. All pending criminal charges must be disposed of, or permission obtained from the court with jurisdiction over those charges, prior to submission of an application.
2. Charges that need to be cleared include, but are not limited to: active cases, active bench warrants, failure to appear, outstanding fines, and shock probation.

**E. Covered Treatments:**

1. Long-term residential treatment only.
2. Long-term residential treatment is defined as any treatment program in which the participant lives at the facility for not less than ninety (90) days while receiving a treatment voucher.
3. Detoxification treatments shall not be covered.

**F. Priority Participants:**

1. Pregnant women
2. Those ordered to treatment by Casey's Law
3. Intravenous drug users

**G. Treatment Benefits:**

1. UNITE will pay up to \$5,000 for long-term residential treatment.
2. Participants will be responsible for any additional costs outside the drug treatment charges.
3. Participants shall have up to thirty (30) days to obtain a bed date at an approved facility and to notify UNITE of the scheduled bed date.
4. Failure to keep that scheduled bed date will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and applicant will be asked to provide documentation as to why they were unable to keep the scheduled appointment.