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TO: RBHA CEOs, TRBHA Directors and T/RBHA HIV Early Intervention Services Providers

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SUBJECT: **POLICY CLARIFICATION: SAPT Block Grant Funding and HIV Testing**

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This memorandum is intended to clarify the responsibilities of Tribal and Regional Behavioral Health Authorities (T/RBHAs) and T/RBHA providers in meeting the Arizona Department of Health Services/Division of Behavioral Health Services' (ADHS/DBHS) expectations regarding the following policy:

- [Provider Manual Section 3.19, Special Populations](#)

Subsection 3.19.7-A., SAPT Block Grant, currently establishes the minimum performance expectations for HIV testing. The policy currently states, "T/RBHAs are expected to administer a minimum of 1 test per \$100 in HIV funding." This threshold is being corrected as follows: "T/RBHAs are expected to administer a minimum of 1 test per \$600 in HIV funding."

Provider Manual Section 3.19, *Special Populations*, will be updated during the next scheduled policy review period to reflect the updated HIV testing threshold.

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