

E-mail sent to ATR Provider Network on June 23, 2011
Re: GPRA Follow-up Rates

Good Morning,

Over the past few weeks, several of you have had clients enter their GPRA Follow-up window. We're happy to report that, at this time, **Iowa has a GPRA follow-up rate of 100% with 73 interviews completed.**

For those who are new to this process or could benefit from a refresher, the following is a brief explanation of how follow-up rates are calculated:

SAMHSA defines the GPRA Follow-up Interview as being due exactly 6 months after the GPRA Intake Interview was completed. However, as a "grace period," SAMHSA allows the Follow-up Interview to be completed *up to 30 days prior to* and *up to 60 days after* the actual due date (the 5-8 month window). Any interview completed during the 30 days prior to the 6 month due date is technically not yet due, but it does reflect positively on your GPRA Follow-up rate. The reverse of this is that any interview not completed by the 6 month due date reflects negatively on your GPRA Follow-up rate until it's completed. As you can see, it's a clear benefit to complete GPRA Follow-up Interviews during the 30 day period prior to the 6 month due date. This is true both for IDPH as a grantee since follow-up rates are one of SAMHSA's performance measures for grantee incentive funding and also for you as providers since ATR admission caps are based on follow-up rates.

Every Care Coordination provider should be familiar with the ATR Interview Compliance Report. If you're not, the report can be found under the Reports section in the VMS. What you'll see will look something like this:

Agency	# Admissions	# Compliant	# Upcoming	# Due	# Non-Compliant	# Missed	Compliance Rate %
Name	50	12	1	2	0	1	85.71

Definitions

Admissions:	Total number of clients that have been admitted into ATR and have completed a GPRA Intake Interview.
Compliant:	Total number of clients that have had a GPRA Follow-up Interview completed.
Upcoming:	Total number of clients in the 30 day grace period prior to the 6 month due date.
Due:	Total number of clients in the 60 day grace period after the 6 month due date.
Non-Compliant:	Total number of clients that had interviews completed outside of the 5-8 month follow-up window.
Missed:	Total number of clients that did not receive a GPRA Follow-up by close of the 5-8 month follow-up window.
Compliance Rate:	GPRA Follow-up percentage.

The Compliance Rate is calculated by dividing the number of Compliant interviews by the number of Compliant, Non-Compliant, and Due interviews. Using the example above, the calculation would look like this:

$$\frac{12}{14} \quad \frac{(12 \text{ Compliant Interviews})}{(12 \text{ Compliant} + 0 \text{ Non-Compliant} + 2 \text{ Due Interviews})}$$

Any interview not completed within 8 months of the initial GPRA Intake is no longer able to be completed and is considered "Missed." Missed interviews are not counted in the above calculation but instead are counted under the "Due" column, even though they cannot be completed.

We hope this review is helpful. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the ATR staff.

Thanks,
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