Overview

Chemical Dependence Treatment Program Admissions

General Description of the Dataset
The New York State Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) produces a data file of admissions and provides statistical information on chemical dependence treatment program admissions reported by the certified treatment programs throughout NYS. An admission is the enrollment of a person into a certified chemical dependence program to receive treatment for a substance use disorder. A person may be admitted to one or more programs during the year depending on the type of services required.
The dataset displays the year of admission, general program categories, county of the program location, and age group of clients at admission for six years of data. Clients who are admitted to treatment may be residents of any county, as well as residents of other states or countries. Data are not provided based on the client county of residence because that would result in a dataset that could violate client confidentiality.

Data Collection Methodology
The dataset includes summarized data reported on a monthly basis by certified chemical dependence treatment programs to the OASAS Client Data System. These data are required to be collected by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) for its Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS). All states receiving Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant funds are required to report client admission and discharge data to TEDS.
Analysts compiled these data from self-reported admissions provided by chemical dependence treatment programs each year. The dataset covers only a small fraction of the information collected by OASAS. The type of service a person is admitted to determines the types and volume of data reported. For example, more client demographic data are collected for admissions to long-term outpatient programs than for admissions to withdrawal and stabilization programs collectively referred to as crisis programs.

Statistical and Analytic Issues
Due to known reporting lags, data are not considered complete enough for this dataset until six months after the end of the prior calendar year. Due to the nature of data collection and subsequent processing, the submission of this dataset is lagged by six to nine months. The dataset is updated routinely for review by OASAS staff.

Limitations of Data Use
The data included in this presentation represent only admissions of patients to the OASAS-certified treatment system. It is important to keep in mind that these data do not include individuals who do not enter treatment, get treated in the VA, go outside of New York State for treatment, are admitted to hospitals but not to Substance Use Disorder (SUD) treatment, get diverted to other systems or receive treatment from a physician outside of the OASAS system of care.
Admissions are the start of a clinical episode of care within a provider. A person may be admitted to more than one program per year, thus, admissions are not counts of people admitted.
The data presented includes the distribution of admissions to certified chemical dependence programs by place of program location, program category, and age group at admission. The information reflects

data collected and does not account for subsequent audits or amendments that may occur after initial processing. Therefore, the information contained in the dataset does not reflect final results for all admissions. Data are periodically updated as corrections are made.