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**PURPOSE:**

To outline how Open Door Community Health Centers (ODCHC) will meet the requirement set forth in Public Law 115-31, Section 520 - Restriction on Distribution of Sterile Needles.

**POLICY:**

ODCHC will not use federal contract, grant, or cooperative agreement funds for:

- The distribution of sterile needles or syringes for the hypodermic injection of any illegal drug, provided that such limitation does not apply to the use of funds for elements of a program other than making such purchases if the relevant State or local health department, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, determines that the State or local jurisdiction, as applicable, is experiencing, or is at risk for, a significant increase in hepatitis infections or HIV outbreaks due to injection drug use, and such program is operating in accordance with State and local law.
- This limitation and exemption also applies to subawards/subcontracts under a Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) grant or cooperative agreement.

**REFERENCES:**

*Public Law 115-31, Sections 520*

*NACHC Sample Policy and Procedure on Legislative Mandates Restricting the Use of Federal Grant Funds, May 2018*

*Feldsman, Tucker, Liefer and Fidell LLC*

*Office of Federal Assistance Management, Bulletin Number 2018-04*

**ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS:**

*AG\_HRSA Grant Limitations*

**KEYWORD TAGS:**

*None*