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Subject: Re: Fwd: Federal Register Notice - Proposed Annual Synar Report format FFY 2011-2013

We reviewed this notice, we think the proposed reporting format will not create any compliance issues for our state. Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment.

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FYI - the Federal Register notice announcing the proposed changes to the Annual Synar Report format for the FFY 2011-2013 application years was recently published. CSAP is proposing a few minor changes to the format. A link to the Federal Register notice describing the proposed changes and inviting public comment is listed below and a pdf copy of the notice is attached.

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Re: Synar Report Format

Dear Ms. King:

I am writing in response to your Request for Comments on the Synar Report Format as issued in the Federal Register on October 23, 2009. As the Single State Agency on substance abuse in New Jersey, the Division of Addiction Services (DAS) is the recipient of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant. However, this division currently has a Memorandum of Understanding with the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) or the Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program to conduct tobacco age of sale enforcement inspections for Synar compliance in order to obtain the State retailer violation rate. In times of increasing State budget constraints, DHSS has sustained an overall cut of approximately \$3.5 million since 2007.

This tobacco enforcement regulation via Synar is an unfunded mandate that carries a 40 percent reduction in funding if States are in non-compliance with the SAPT Block Grant. With the new authority in the FDA for tobacco oversight, it is my recommendation that the Synar mandate should be funded, transferred to the oversight of the FDA and disconnected from the annual SAPT Block Grant application. If the Synar tobacco age-of-sale enforcement is not removed from the SAPT Block Grant, the proposed enforcement efforts of the FDA could be duplicative of current Synar related activities. In addition, as a result of large State budget deficits, funding for ongoing enforcement is at risk, threatening a decade of progress made toward enforcement of tobacco age of sale laws.

Sincerely,



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**From:** David Wagner [mailto:dmwagner0@gmail.com]  
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Dear Ms. King,

I'm writing to you in response to Federal Register Notice: **Proposed Project: Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Synar Report Format, FFY 2011-2013— OMB No. 0930-0222)—Revision** posted on October 23, 2009.

While I believe the Annual Synar Report has been much improved by the revisions that are proposed, I would like to see additional information requested from the States, especially regarding the Coverage Study requirements. I believe that expanding the reporting requirement of Appendix D to include in depth discussion of sampling methodology, canvassing processes and a description of the methodology States use to match the canvassed outlets to the outlets on the list frame would strengthen our understanding of the complexity of State coverage studies. I also believe Appendix B of the Annual Synar report should be revised to include a space to define the inputs States use to calculate their sample sizes.

Thank you for your consideration.