



## Information Bulletin 02-21

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**Effective Date:** Immediately

**Subject:** Updated SAMHSA term and condition for marijuana

Effective August 1, 2021, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) term and condition for marijuana has been updated. The updated term is as follows:

*SAMHSA grant funds may not be used to purchase, prescribe, or provide marijuana or treatment using marijuana. See, e.g., 45 C.F.R. 75.300(a) (requiring HHS to ensure that Federal funding is expended in full accordance with U.S. statutory and public policy requirements); 21 U.S.C. 812(c)(10) and 841 (prohibiting the possession, manufacture, sale, purchase or distribution of marijuana).*

The updated term **no longer** includes the second piece of prohibition: "Grant funds also cannot be provided to any individual who or organization that provides or permits marijuana use for the purposes of treating substance use or mental disorders."

These special conditions apply to subrecipients of these funds and are included in contracts with Single County Authorities and providers.

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