



The following descriptions of ethnicities are defined by the Department of Developmental Disabilities.

**It is important to note that San Andreas Regional Center staff will not categorize any person. The individual will state their ethnic status and that is what will be entered into the system.**

Sandis Description	Code	Group Classification
Asian Indian	I	Asian
Cambodian	B	Asian
Chinese	C	Asian
Hmong	M	Asian
Japanese	J	Asian
Korean	K	Asian
Laotian	L	Asian
Other Asian	A	Asian
Thai	T	Asian
Vietnamese	V	Asian
African American	2	Black/Afro American
Filipino	3	Filipino
Spanish/Latin	6	Hispanic
Native American	4	Native American
Other	8	Other
Russian	R	Other
Unknown	9	Other
Guamanian	G	Polynesian
Native Hawaiian	H	Polynesian
Other Pacific Islander	P	Polynesian
Samoan	D	Polynesian
White	7	White
Multicultural	*	Other. However, if only one ethnicity is identified, person will be classified under that ethnic category.

## **REGIONAL CENTER PURCHASE OF SERVICE (POS) DATA LIMITATIONS OF POS EXPENDITURE DATA**

### **1. Purchase of service costs**

The POS data represents the cost of services that individuals received that are paid for by the regional center. The POS expenditure data does not include the cost of services that are received from programs such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Medi-cal, IHSS, the school systems, or any other public service. The POS data represents expenditures the regional center made for the individuals served in fiscal year 14/15 ( July 1, 2014- June 30, 2015) as based on the POS state claim data that was prepared by the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) in December 2015. The fiscal year claims remain open by statute for three years, meaning that payments for services can be made when claims are received, even if we are no longer in that fiscal year.

### **2. Client Count**

The total number of Clients who received services during the fiscal year will be greater than the regional center's actual caseload. A Client is included in the data if the Client received a regional center funded service at any time during the fiscal year. A Client who received a single service once during the year is counted the same as a Client who received ongoing monthly services. The Client is also counted regardless of their current status with the regional center. The data may include Clients whose current status is closed, transferred-out, in-active, etc. if the Client received regional center services in fiscal year 14/15

### **3. Contract Purchase of Service Expenditures**

Due to the limitations of the regional center uniform fiscal system (UFS), POS expenditure data may not include payments made by the regional center that are paid to a service provider under a "contract". Currently, UFS is unable to allocate expenditures paid to a service provider under a "contract" to Clients utilizing the "contract" service. Therefore, POS expenditures paid under a "contract" are excluded from the POS data. Typical services paid to a service provider under a "contract" may include, but are not limited to, transportation services and supported employment program (SEP) group services. Therefore, the total amount of POS expenditures reported will not reconcile

#### **4. Authorized Services**

Services that are authorized “encumber” the funds needed to pay for those services. The regional center’s computer system (UFS) gives the regional center options regarding the “maintenance” of its encumbrances. When encumbrances are routinely adjusted for non-utilization, there will be a higher utilization percentage. When

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#### **5. Clients with Multiple Diagnoses**

There are many clients who have more than one diagnosis. In the summary reports for Purchase of Service Expenditures by Diagnosis and Consumers with No Purchase of Service by Diagnosis these consumers will be counted in every category for which they have a diagnosis. As an example, a client with a diagnosis of both autism and epilepsy will be counted in both the “Autism” and “Epilepsy” categories. Therefore, the sum of the clients reported in all the categories will be more than the total number of clients served by the regional center.

#### **6. Category 5 Clients**

Clients listed in Category 5, according to Welfare and Institutions Code section 4512, are individuals who have “disabling conditions found to be closely related to intellectual disability or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with intellectual disability , but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.”

#### **7. Language and ethnicity classifications**

Individuals select the ethnic and language categories that they identify and are most comfortable with, regardless of their status. Regional Center staff does not make any conclusions about the categories that people should be in given their status and are not allowed to change the categories that the individuals have selected.