



The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: Caring for People Living with HIV

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National HIV/AIDS Strategy

- Released by President Obama on July 13, 2010
- Vision: *“The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identify or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.”*
- Four main goals:
 - Reducing new HIV Infections
 - Increasing access to care and improving health outcomes for PLWHA
 - Reducing HIV-related disparities and health inequities
 - Achieving a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- Increase access to care for people living with HIV disease (PLWH)
- RWHAP served over 553,990 persons PLWH in 2011
- Only disease-specific discretionary grant program for care and treatment of PLWH
- Payer of last resort – safety net for uninsured and low-income individuals living with HIV/AIDS
- Funding for:
 - Primary health care including medications
 - Provider training
 - Support services
 - Technical Assistance
 - Demonstration projects



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs

- **Cities (Part A)**
- **States and Territories (Part B)**
 - AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- **Health Care Agencies**
 - Early Intervention Services and Capacity Development **(Part C)**
 - Women, Infants, Children and Youth **(Part D)**
- **Other programs (Part F)**
 - Dental, Education/Training, Planning, Capacity Development and Demonstrations, Minority AIDS Initiative



Core Medical Services for Parts A, B, and C (N=13)*

- *Outpatient and ambulatory health services*
- *AIDS Drug Assistance Program treatments*
- *AIDS pharmaceutical assistance*
- *Oral health care*
- *Early intervention services*
- *Health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance for low-income individuals*
- *Home health care*
- *Medical nutrition therapy*
- *Hospice services*
- *Home and community-based health services*
- *Mental health services*
- *Substance abuse outpatient care*
- *Medical case management, including treatment adherence services*

* 75% of funds for Parts A, B, and C must be spent on Core Medical Services

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program – Examples of Support Services Funded

- Outreach
- Transportation
- Emergency housing assistance
- Health Insurance continuation
- Legal services
- Child care
- Respite services
- Psychosocial support services



Support for the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

- The Administration strongly supports the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and the continuation of the services provided
- The Administration recognizes the need to continue the RWHAP, even as full implementation of the Affordable Care Act moves forward



Training and Technical Assistance Tools

- National HIV/AIDS Strategy – www.aids.gov
- <http://careacttarget.org> - Central source of Ryan White TA
- <http://careacttarget.org/category/topics/engagement-care>.
 - Outreach
 - Treatment adherence
 - Peers
 - Special populations
- iHip – Integrating HIV Innovative Programs
<https://careacttarget.org/library/integrating-hiv-innovative-practices-ihp>.



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