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


• 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
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