

## Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

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### FY 2021 How to Best Meet the Need Quality Improvement Committee Service Category Recommendations Summary (as of 05/08/20)

#### ***Those services for which no change is recommended include:***

Case Management (Non-Medical Service Linkage)  
Early Intervention Services (targeting the Incarcerated)  
Home and Community Based Health Services (Adult Day Treatment)  
Hospice Services  
Linguistic Services  
Oral Health (Untargeted and Targeting the Northern Rural Area)  
Referral for Health Care and Support Services  
Transportation  
Vision Care

#### ***Services with recommended changes include the following:***

**Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Care (includes Medical Case Management, Local Pharmacy Assistance, Emergency Financial Assistance - Pharmacy Assistance, Outreach Services - Primary Care Re-Engagement, and Service Linkage)**

⚡ Add the allowability of telehealth and telemedicine to the service definition, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at PriCare=300%, MCM=none, LPAP=400%+500%, EFA=500%, Outreach=none SLW=none.

#### **Case Management (Clinical)**

⚡ Add the allowability of telehealth to the service definition, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at none.

#### **Case Management (Non-Medical Targeting Substance Use Disorders)**

⚡ Add the allowability of telehealth to the service definition, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at none.

#### **Emergency Financial Assistance**

⚡ Accept the service category definition for Emergency Financial Assistance-Other which will provide a rapid response to personal emergencies, and set the financial eligibility at 400%. The committee recommends that the subcategory begin immediately using CARES Act (COVID-19) funds. After March 1, 2021, use Ryan White or State Services funding.

#### **Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance**

⚡ Add text to the service definition that states clients should receive notification that payments have been made to and received by their insurance provider, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at 0 - 400%, ACA plans must have a subsidy.

**Housing**

⌘ Refer the discussion on Housing to a workgroup for further research.

**Medical Nutritional Therapy/Supplements**

⌘ Accept the service definition as presented, update the justification chart, and increase the financial eligibility to 400%.

**Mental Health Services**

⌘ Add the allowability of telehealth to the service definition, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at 400%.

**Substance Abuse Treatment**

⌘ Add the allowability of telehealth to the service definition, update the justification chart, and keep the financial eligibility the same at 300%.