

## Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

### FY 2024 How to Best Meet the Need Quality Improvement Committee Service Category Recommendation Summary (as of 05/10/23)

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

Case Management (Medical, Clinical, Non-Medical Service Linkage, and Non-Medical Targeting Substance Use Disorders)  
 Hospice Services  
 Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP)  
 Medical Nutritional Therapy/Supplements  
 Mental Health Services  
 Oral Health (Untargeted and Targeting the Northern Rural Area)  
 Outreach  
 Referral for Health Care (ADAP Enrollment Workers and Incarcerated)  
 Substance Abuse Treatment  
 Vision Care

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

**Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Care** (which includes Emergency Financial Assistance - Pharmacy Assistance)

- ⓧ Add text to the service definition for EFA-Pharmacy stating that, within a single fiscal year, waivers can be submitted to the Administrative Agent requesting an extension of the 30 day time limit. If multiple waivers are required, they do not need to be submitted consecutively. Keep the financial eligibility the same: Primary Care = 300%, EFA-Pharmacy = 500%

**Emergency Financial Assistance – Other**

- ⓧ Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same at 400%, with the understanding that the Planning Council may add additional services based upon additional information, which is to be provided soon.

**Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance**

- ⓧ Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same: 0 - 400%, ACA plans must have a subsidy, and also request that the Integrated Plan's HIV Education Council increase awareness of this service among private physicians.

**Linguistic Services**

- ⓧ Keep the service definition the same and increase the financial eligibility to 500%. Also, explore ways to use virtual technology as much as possible to make this service more accessible and easier for consumers to use. And, ask the Quality Improvement Committee to explore language justice principles in order to make Ryan White funded services inclusive of people from all cultures.

**Transportation**

- ⓧ Add ride sharing to the service definition and keep the financial eligibility the same at 400%.