**Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council**
**Office of Support**
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# Memorandum

To: Members, Quality Improvement Committee

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| Patrick Martin | |

From: Tori Williams

Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Re: Meeting Notice

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We look forward to seeing you at the next Quality Improvement Committee meeting. Details are as follows:

Quality Improvement Committee Meeting
**NOTE UNUSUAL DATE**: 2:00 p.m., **Tuesday, May 9, 2023**

To participate, click on this link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81144509622?pwd=SFNBM1RScVFabHkzakVpaUZoeHhIdz09
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RSVP to Rod, even if you cannot attend the meeting. She can be reached at: Rodriga.Avila@cjo.harriscountytx.gov or by telephone at 832 927-7926. And, if you have questions for your committee mentor, do not hesitate to contact her at:

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# Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Quality Improvement Committee

2:00 pm, Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Join the meeting via Zoom, please do not come to the meeting in person
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## Agenda

* = Handout to be distributed at the meeting

I. Call to Order — Tana Pradia and Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chairs
   A. Welcoming Remarks and Moment of Reflection
   B. Adoption of Agenda
   C. Approval of Minutes
      1. 03-14-23 Joint Committee Meeting
      2. 03-14-23 Quality Improvement Committee Meeting

II. Public Comment

(NOTE: If you wish to speak during the Public Comment portion of the meeting, please sign up on the clipboard at the front of the room. No one is required to give his or her name or HIV status. All meetings are audio taped by the Office of Support for use in creating the meeting minutes. The audiotape and the minutes are public record. If you state your name or HIV status it will be on public record. If you would like your health status known, but do not wish to state your name, you can simply say: "I am a person living with HIV", before stating your opinion. If you represent an organization, please state that you are representing an agency and give the name of the organization. If you work for an organization, but are representing your self, please state that you are attending as an individual and not as an agency representative. Individuals can also submit written comments to a member of the staff who would be happy to read the comments on behalf of the individual at this point in the meeting. All information from the public must be provided in this portion of the meeting.)

III. Reports from the Administrative Agents
   A. Ryan White Part A — Glenn Urbach
   B. Ryan White Part B and State Services — Tiffany Shepherd

IV. The FY 2024 How to Best Meet the Need (HTBMN) Process — Tori Williams
   A. FY 2024 HTBMN Workgroup Recommendations including Financial Eligibility
   B. FY 2024 HIV Targeting Chart

V. New Business
   A. Updates/recommendations from the Special Workgroups — Tori Williams
      1. HIV & Aging
      2. Case Management for Individuals with a History of Sex Offense
      3. Condoms in Jail/Prison
   B. Quarterly Committee Report

VI. Announcements

V. Adjourn

Optional: New members meet with committee mentor — Tana Pradia

# Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council
# 2223 West Loop South, Houston, Texas 77027

Joint Meeting of the Affected Community,
Quality Improvement, Priority & Allocations and other Committees
2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Meeting Location: Zoom teleconference

## Minutes

Purpose of the Joint Meeting: To determine the criteria used to select the FY 2024 Service Categories.

| QI MEMBERS PRESENT | OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT | OTHERS PRESENT |
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| Tana Pradia, Co-Chair (AC) | Deborah Hurd (AC) | Crystal Starr, RWPC |
| Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair | Evelio Escamilla (CHP) | Charles Henley, Consultant |
| Caleb Brown (AC) | Gina German (CHP) | Glenn Urbach, RWGA |
| Oscar Perez | John Heathcock (CHP) | Mauricia Chatman, RWGA |
| *Gloria Sierra* | Johnny Deal (AC) | Sha'Terra Johnson, TRG |
| | Josh Mica (OP, PA) | Tiffany Shepherd, TRG |
| | Kathryn Fergus (CHP) | Tionna Cobb, TRG |
| | Megan Rowe (PA) | Tori Williams, OS |
| | Peta-Gay Ledbetter (PA) | Mackenzie Hudson, OS |
| | Robert Sliepka (CHP) | Diane Beck, OS |
| | Rodney Mills (AC) | |
| | Ryan Rose (AC, CHP) | |

AC=Affected Community Committee; CHP=Comprehensive HIV Planning; OP=Operations; PA=Priority & Allocations

**Call to Order**: Tana Pradia, Co-Chair, Quality Improvement Committee, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. She read the purpose of the meeting and then asked for a moment of reflection.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** ***Motion #1****: it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Deal) to adopt the agenda.* **Motion carried unanimously**.

**Public Comment:** None.

**HRSA Service Categories**: Tori Williams, Office of Support, briefly summarized the attached documents: HRSA Part A and B Fundable Program Services List and Definitions for Eligible Services, FY 2023 Houston Part A, B and State Services-funded service categories and Ryan White Program legislation regarding Core Services. She explained that the list of funded service categories could change if a proposed idea is approved. A new service must be on the list of allowable services and within the parameters of what can be provided and the Council must justify why a service is funded and/or continues to be funded.

**Justification Tool:** The committee members reviewed the FY 2023 Justification Chart, which lists the criteria used to select Ryan White Part A and B, and State Service funded services. Suggested changes include a correction in Column 2: change 'protect' to 'prevent' and in Column 7: add e) Aging Adults.

***Motion #2****: it was moved and seconded (Hurd, Sliepka) to accept the FY 2024 Justification Chart criteria with the suggested changes.* **Motion carried unanimously.**

**Announcements:** None.

**Adjournment:** ***Motion****: it was moved and seconded (Sliepka, Deal) to adjourn the meeting at 2:23 pm.* **Motion carried.**

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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Tori Williams, Director Date

Committee Chair Date

# Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

Quality Improvement Committee
2:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2023
Meeting location: Zoom Teleconference

## Minutes

| MEMBERS PRESENT | MEMBERS ABSENT | OTHERS PRESENT |
|---|---|---|
| Tana Pradia, Co-Chair | Kevin Aloysius | Crystal Starr, RWPC Chair |
| Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair | Titan Capri | Charles Henley, Consultant |
| Caleb Brown | Daphne Jones, excused | Evelio Escamilla, RWPC |
| Oscar Perez | Faye Robinson | Josh Mica, RWPC |
| *Gloria Sierra* | *Herman Finley* | Glenn Urbach, RWGA |
| *Deborah Somoye* | *Denis Kelly, excused* | Mauricia Chatman, RWGA |
| | *Christopher Walker* | Sha'Terra Johnson-Fairley, TRG |
| | | Tiffany Shepherd, TRG |
| | | Tionna Cobb, TRG |
| | | Tori Williams, Ofc of Support |
| | | Mackenzie Hudson, Ofc of Support |
| | | Diane Beck, Ofc of Support |

**Call to Order**: Tana Pradia, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m. and asked for a moment of reflection. She then invited committee members and staff to introduce themselves.

**Adoption of the Agenda:** ***Motion #1****: it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Brown) to approve the agenda.* ***Motion carried.***

**Approval of the Minutes:** ***Motion #2****: it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Brown) to approve the February 14, 2023 minutes.* ***Motion carried.*** Abstentions: Rodriguez, Sierra, Somoye.

**Public Comment:** See attached memo from The Resource Group regarding Home and Community Based Health Services. Evelio Escamilla submitted the following comment and sent the attached PowerPoint slides to the Office of Support via email: He wanted to call attention to an issue in Harris and other Texas counties. He recently took a deep look at the data and over 50 is now the largest group of PLWH. This population needs specialized care with the early onset of aging and multi-morbidities (term preferred to comorbidities) and the polypharmacy has to be addressed, mobility impairments and fragility, multiple stigmatization they are facing, also long term trauma, and most importantly to him the isolation. Some of the literature says pre-fragility needs to be looked at as a syndrome. He said that the Council needs to start looking at the specific things that people over 50 are experiencing that are very unique compared to youth and younger adults. New York and San Francisco have already reached the 50% threshold, we are almost to 30% in Harris County but over 50 is still the largest group of PLWH.

**Committee Orientation:** Williams reviewed the attached documents: Committee Description, 2023 Committee Goals, Conflict of Interest Statement and Voting Policy, and Timeline of Critical 2023 Council Activities. ***Motion #3****: it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Sierra) to accept the 2023 Committee goals.* **Motion carried**.

**Elect a Vice Chair:** Brown was nominated to be the committee vice chair. Brown accepted the nomination and was elected via acclamation.

**Criteria for FY24 Service Categories:** See attached. ***Motion #4****: it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Brown) to accept the FY 2024 Service Category Criteria and Justification Chart.* **Motion carried**.

**Training in How to Read Reports from the Administrative Agents:**
Shepherd explained to Committee members how to review Part B and State Services Procurement, Service Utilization, and Health Insurance Assistance reports. See attached 2023 Schedule of Reports and How to Read TRG Reports 2023. The Health Insurance Program Report will be provided quarterly.

2022 Part B/ State Services Chart Reviews: Shepherd presented chart review highlights.

Home and Community Based Health Services: See attached. ***Motion #5****: it was moved and seconded (Somoye, Rodriguez) to not re-RFP this service due to many years of underutilization..* **Motion carried**. Abstention: Perez.

Urbach presented the attached slides detailing how to review a Part A and MAI Service Utilization Report and Procurement Reports.

**Announcements:** Pradia said that HIV Advocacy Day will be March 27th. There will be a bus leaving from Legacy to go to Austin. Information will be sent to those who registered to attend. Starr wished Rodriguez a happy belated birthday.

**Adjourn**: ***Motion:*** *it was moved and seconded (Rodriguez, Somoye) to adjourn the meeting at 3:39 p.m.* **Motion Carried.**

Submitted by: Approved by:

Tori Williams, Director Date Committee Chair Date

**Scribe: Beck**

**ja = Just arrived at meeting**
**lm = Left the meeting**
**C = Chaired the meeting**

## 2023 Quality Improvement Meeting Voting Record for Meeting Date 03/14/23

| MEMBERS: | **Motion #1** Agenda | | | | **Motion #2** Minutes | | | | **Motion #3** Committee Goals | | | | **Motion #4** FY24 Justification Chart | | | | **Motion #5** Home and Community Based Health Services | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN | ABSENT | YES | NO | ABSTAIN |
| Tana Pradia, Co-Chair | | | | **C** | | | | **C** | | | | **C** | | | | **C** | | | | **C** |
| Pete Rodriguez, Co-Chair | | **X** | | | | | | **X** | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | |
| Kevin Aloysius | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| Caleb Brown | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | |
| Titan Capri | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| Daphne Jones | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| Oscar Perez | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | | | **X** |
| Faye Robinson | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| *Herman Finley* | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| *Denis Kelly* | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |
| *Gloria Sierra* | | **X** | | | | | | **X** | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | |
| *Deborah Somoye* | | **X** | | | | | | **X** | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | |
| *Christopher Walker* | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | | **X** | | | |

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DATE: 04/26/2023

TO: RWPC Priorities & Allocations Committee

FR: Ryan White Grant Administration

RE: FY 2022 Part A/MAI Procurement Report

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Please note the following with regard to the ***FY 2022 Part A/MAI Procurement Report dated 4/24/2023***:

| FY 2022-as of 4/24/23 | Total Award | Expense | % | Unspent |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Part A Services[1] | $21,706,224 | $21,088,583 | 97.2% | $617,641 |
| MAI Services[2] | $2,704,223 | $2,686,441 | 99.4% | $17,782 |
| Administration[3] | $1,440,965 | $1,030,811 | 71.6% | $410,154 |
| RWPC Support | $524,908 | $525,193 | 100.1% | -$285 |
| CQM | $412,940 | $339,969 | 82.4% | $72,971 |
| **Total*** | **$26,789,260** | **$25,670,997** | **95.8%** | **$1,118,263** |

*final numbers are certified when Harris County submits its Federal Financial Report (FFR) due July 30, 2023

- The Houston EMA will be required submit a *retrospective* **Core Services Waiver** for FY22 because final Core Services expenditures were less than 75% of total service expenditures (this is the first time Houston has been under 75% Core services expenditures)
    - Core Services expenditures: 72.6% (primarily underspending in Primary Care)
    - Support Services expenditures: 27.4% (primarily due to higher than originally allocated expenditures in EFA-Pharmacy and Non-MCM**)**

- 97.4% of all procured RW/A & MAI service dollars were expended ($24,410,447 allocated; $23,775,024 expended)

- Of the total of $1,120,282 in unspent funds in Outpatient Primary Care, $437,926 (39%) is attributed to Primary Care Targeted to Women at Public Clinic (service priority 1.f)

- $888,285 in FY21 carryover funds were allocated to Health Insurance Assistance ($138,285) and EFA-Pharmacy ($750,000) and these funds were fully expended

- Most of the Final Quarter Adjustments were reallocated to LPAP, Non-Medical Case Management (SLW), and EFA-Pharmacy

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[1] Part A Services includes carryover funds of $888,285

[2] MAI Services includes carryover funds of $276,305

[3] PHS did not take indirect costs of $169,915 in FY22, but will charge indirect costs for FY 2023, which will be included in the Admin budget

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- Vision (service category 1.h): only $404,505 (81%) was expended in FY22 out of the $500,000 allocated
    - One Vision care provider did not accept their full award in FY22. For FY23, the other Vision care provider will accept those additional funds

- The Primary Care Pay for Performance (P4P) pilot project awarded only $29,070 to agencies in FY22 despite an allocation of $200,000
    - Only two out of the five outpatient primary care providers billed for P4P services. This is historically an underspent category. RWGA is waiting to hear back from agencies to gauge interest in continuing the pilot project
    - The RWPC could consider reallocating this $200,000 to other service categories. If needed, RWGA can usually identify unspent funds in the final quarter of the grant year to cover potential P4P costs

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Prepared by: Ryan White Grant Administration

# FY 2022 Ryan White Part A and MAI Service Utilization Report

| RW PART A SUR- 4th Quarter (3/1-2/28) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Priority** | **Service Category** | **Goal** | **Unduplicated Clients Served YTD** | **Male** | **Female** | **Trans gender** | **AA (non-Hispanic)** | **White (non-Hispanic)** | **Other (non-Hispanic)** | **Hispanic** | **0-12** | **13-19** | **20-24** | **25-34** | **35-44** | **45-54** | **55-64** | **65 plus** |
| **1** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Care (excluding Vision)** | **6,467** | **7,946** | **76%** | **22%** | **2%** | **44%** | **12%** | **2%** | **41%** | **0%** | **0%** | **5%** | **28%** | **28%** | **11%** | **26%** | **2%** |
| 1.a | Primary Care - Public Clinic (a) | 2,350 | 2,607 | 72% | 26% | 1% | 42% | 9% | 2% | 47% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 17% | 27% | 14% | 36% | 4% |
| 1.b | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to AA (a) | 1,060 | 2,267 | 71% | 27% | 3% | 98% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 37% | 27% | 10% | 18% | 2% |
| 1.c | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to Hispanic (a) | 960 | 1,908 | 82% | 14% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | 6% | 32% | 30% | 11% | 19% | 1% |
| 1.d | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to White and/or MSM (a) | 690 | 759 | 87% | 11% | 2% | 0% | 85% | 15% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 29% | 26% | 8% | 32% | 3% |
| 1.e | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to Rural (a) | 400 | 614 | 71% | 28% | 1% | 43% | 21% | 2% | 34% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 30% | 28% | 11% | 26% | 2% |
| 1.f | Primary Care - Women at Public Clinic (a) | 1,000 | 697 | 0% | 99% | 1% | 52% | 5% | 1% | 42% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 10% | 27% | 18% | 38% | 5% |
| 1.g | Primary Care - Pediatric (a) | 7 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.h | Vision | 1,600 | 2,251 | 74% | 24% | 2% | 46% | 13% | 2% | 38% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 23% | 24% | 12% | 31% | 6% |
| **2** | **Medical Case Management (f)** | **3,075** | **4,567** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.a | Clinical Case Management | 600 | 753 | 71% | 27% | 2% | 53% | 13% | 1% | 33% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 23% | 25% | 12% | 31% | 6% |
| 2.b | Med CM - Targeted to Public Clinic (a) | 280 | 480 | 91% | 7% | 2% | 50% | 13% | 1% | 35% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 23% | 28% | 10% | 32% | 5% |
| 2.c | Med CM - Targeted to AA (a) | 550 | 1,404 | 67% | 30% | 3% | 99% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 30% | 26% | 10% | 26% | 4% |
| 2.d | Med CM - Targeted to H/L(a) | 550 | 678 | 79% | 15% | 6% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 100% | 0% | 0% | 6% | 29% | 30% | 11% | 22% | 2% |
| 2.e | Med CM - Targeted to White and/or MSM (a) | 260 | 449 | 86% | 12% | 2% | 0% | 89% | 11% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 20% | 25% | 10% | 35% | 8% |
| 2.f | Med CM - Targeted to Rural (a) | 150 | 462 | 66% | 33% | 1% | 44% | 30% | 3% | 24% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 24% | 26% | 10% | 32% | 6% |
| 2.g | Med CM - Targeted to Women at Public Clinic (a) | 240 | 199 | 0% | 99% | 1% | 65% | 10% | 3% | 23% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 22% | 32% | 12% | 25% | 5% |
| 2.h | Med CM - Targeted to Pedi (a) | 125 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.i | Med CM - Targeted to Veterans | 200 | 135 | 97% | 3% | 0% | 70% | 20% | 1% | 10% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 4% | 44% | 49% |
| 2.j | Med CM - Targeted to Youth | 120 | 7 | 86% | 14% | 0% | 29% | 29% | 0% | 43% | 0% | 14% | 86% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| **3** | **Local Drug Reimbursement Program (a)** | **2,845** | **5,505** | **75%** | **21%** | **3%** | **46%** | **12%** | **2%** | **40%** | **0%** | **0%** | **4%** | **28%** | **28%** | **12%** | **26%** | **2%** |
| **4** | **Oral Health** | **200** | **285** | **68%** | **31%** | **1%** | **39%** | **28%** | **1%** | **31%** | **0%** | **0%** | **3%** | **20%** | **24%** | **15%** | **31%** | **7%** |
| 4.a | Oral Health - Untargeted (d) | NA | NA | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4.b | Oral Health - Rural Target | 200 | 285 | 68% | 31% | **1%** | 39% | 28% | 1% | 31% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 20% | 24% | 15% | 31% | 7% |
| **5** | **Mental Health Services (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **6** | **Health Insurance** | **1,700** | **1,698** | **79%** | **19%** | **2%** | **43%** | **25%** | **3%** | **29%** | **0%** | **0%** | **1%** | **15%** | **19%** | **10%** | **41%** | **15%** |
| **7** | **Home and Community Based Services (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **8** | **Substance Abuse Treatment - Outpatient** | **40** | **9** | **100%** | **0%** | **0%** | **11%** | **44%** | **11%** | **33%** | **0%** | **11%** | **0%** | **44%** | **22%** | **0%** | **22%** | **0%** |
| **9** | **Early Medical Intervention Services (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **10** | **Medical Nutritional Therapy/Nutritional Supplements** | **650** | **452** | **75%** | **23%** | **2%** | **43%** | **19%** | **3%** | **35%** | **0%** | **0%** | **1%** | **8%** | **17%** | **8%** | **50%** | **15%** |
| **11** | **Hospice Services (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **12** | **Outreach** | **700** | **843** | **77%** | **20%** | **3%** | **58%** | **14%** | **2%** | **26%** | **0%** | **0%** | **5%** | **32%** | **28%** | **9%** | **22%** | **5%** |
| **13** | **Non-Medical Case Management** | **7,045** | **7,619** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 13.a | Service Linkage Targeted to Youth | 320 | 165 | 77% | 23% | 0% | 51% | 6% | 2% | 41% | 0% | 13% | 87% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| 13.b | Service Linkage at Testing Sites | 260 | 83 | 73% | 24% | 2% | 54% | 6% | 4% | 36% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 46% | 33% | 10% | 12% | 0% |
| 13.c | Service Linkage at Public Clinic Primary Care Program (a) | 3,700 | 3,085 | 68% | 30% | 1% | 50% | 9% | 1% | 39% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 18% | 25% | 13% | 38% | 6% |
| 13.d | Service Linkage at CBO Primary Care Programs (a) | 2,765 | 4,286 | 75% | 23% | 3% | 53% | 12% | 2% | 33% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 29% | 24% | 10% | 27% | 5% |
| **14** | **Transportation** | **2,850** | **2,032** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 14.a | Transportation Services - Urban | 170 | 659 | 69% | 30% | 2% | 59% | 7% | 3% | 31% | 0% | 0% | 5% | 26% | 24% | 10% | 30% | 6% |
| 14.b | Transportation Services - Rural | 130 | 161 | 66% | 32% | 1% | 29% | 29% | 1% | 41% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 19% | 19% | 18% | 30% | 9% |
| 14.c | Transportation vouchering | 2,550 | 1,212 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **15** | **Linguistic Services (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **16** | **Emergency Financial Assistance (e)** | **NA** | **1,786** | **76%** | **22%** | **2%** | **46%** | **9%** | **2%** | **43%** | **0%** | **0%** | **4%** | **26%** | **28%** | **12%** | **27%** | **3%** |
| **17** | **Referral for Health Care - Non Core Service (d)** | **NA** | **NA** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***Net unduplicated clients served - all categories**** | | **12,941** | **13,745** | **75%** | **23%** | **2%** | **49%** | **14%** | **2%** | **35%** | **0%** | **0%** | **4%** | **25%** | **25%** | **11%** | **29%** | **6%** |
| ***Living AIDS cases + estimated Living HIV non-AIDS (from FY19 App) (b)*** | | **NA** | **30,198** | **75%** | **25%** | | **48%** | **17%** | **5%** | **30%** | **0%** | **4%** | | **21%** | **23%** | **25%** | **20%** | **7%** |



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# FY 2022 Ryan White Part A and MAI Service Utilization Report

| RW MAI Service Utilization Report - 4th Quarter (03/01 - 02/28) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Priority** | **Service Category MAI unduplicated served includes clients also served under Part A** | **Goal** | **Unduplicated MAI Clients Served YTD** | **Male** | **Female** | **Trans gender** | **AA (non-Hispanic)** | **White (non-Hispanic)** | **Other (non-Hispanic)** | **Hispanic** | **0-12** | **13-19** | **20-24** | **25-34** | **35-44** | **45-49** | **50-64** | **65 plus** |
| | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Care (excluding Vision)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.b | Primary Care - MAI CBO Targeted to AA (g) | 1,060 | 1,819 | **71%** | **25%** | **3%** | **99%** | **0%** | **1%** | **0%** | **0%** | **0%** | **6%** | **35%** | **27%** | **10%** | **19%** | **2%** |
| 1.c | Primary Care - MAI CBO Targeted to Hispanic (g) | 960 | 1,627 | **82%** | **14%** | **4%** | **0%** | **0%** | **0%** | **100%** | **0%** | **0%** | **5%** | **31%** | **29%** | **13%** | **20%** | **1%** |
| **2** | **Medical Case Management (f)** | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2.c | Med CM - Targeted to AA (a) | 1,060 | 885 | **80%** | **17%** | **4%** | **47%** | **13%** | **2%** | **38%** | **0%** | **0%** | **7%** | **37%** | **27%** | **9%** | **17%** | **1%** |
| 2.d | Med CM - Targeted to H/L(a) | 960 | 662 | **64%** | **33%** | **3%** | **63%** | **12%** | **1%** | **24%** | **0%** | **1%** | **6%** | **24%** | **28%** | **10%** | **24%** | **6%** |

| RW Part A New Client Service Utilization Report - 4th Quarter (03/01-02/28)<br>Report reflects the number & demographics of clients served during the report period who did not receive services during previous 12 months (3/1/22-2/28/23) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Priority** | **Service Category** | **Goal** | **Unduplicated New Clients Served YTD** | **Male** | **Female** | **Trans gender** | **AA (non-Hispanic)** | **White (non-Hispanic)** | **Other (non-Hispanic)** | **Hispanic** | **0-12** | **13-19** | **20-24** | **25-34** | **35-44** | **45-49** | **50-64** | **65 plus** |
| **1** | **Primary Medical Care** | **2,100** | **1,755** | **81%** | **17%** | **2%** | **47%** | **13%** | **2%** | **38%** | **0%** | **1%** | **9%** | **37%** | **26%** | **9%** | **2%** | **17%** |
| **2** | **LPAP** | **1,200** | **791** | **80%** | **17%** | **4%** | **47%** | **13%** | **2%** | **38%** | **0%** | **0%** | **7%** | **37%** | **27%** | **9%** | **1%** | **17%** |
| 3.a | Clinical Case Management | 400 | 67 | 64% | 33% | 3% | 63% | 12% | 1% | 24% | 0% | 1% | 6% | 24% | **28%** | **10%** | 6% | **24%** |
| 3.b-3.h | Medical Case Management | 1,600 | 1003 | 77% | 21% | 2% | 49% | 15% | 2% | 34% | 0% | 0% | 7% | 33% | **26%** | **8%** | 3% | **21%** |
| 3.i | Medical Case Manangement - Targeted to Veterans | 60 | 20 | 95% | 5% | 0% | 55% | 20% | 5% | 20% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | **5%** | **15%** | 35% | **45%** |
| **4** | **Oral Health** | **40** | **34** | **76%** | **24%** | 0% | **44%** | **26%** | **6%** | **24%** | **0%** | **0%** | **9%** | **32%** | **18%** | **9%** | **6%** | **26%** |
| **12.a.<br>12.c.<br>12.d.** | **Non-Medical Case Management (Service Linkage)** | **3,700** | **1,753** | **75%** | **23%** | **2%** | **52%** | **13%** | **2%** | **33%** | **0%** | **1%** | **7%** | **30%** | **25%** | **9%** | **23%** | **4%** |
| **12.b** | **Service Linkage at Testing Sites** | **260** | **74** | **76%** | **22%** | **3%** | **57%** | **7%** | **3%** | **34%** | **0%** | **4%** | **23%** | **30%** | **27%** | **9%** | **7%** | **0%** |
| *Footnotes:* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (a) | Bundled Category | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (b) | Age groups 13-19 and 20-24 combined together; Age groups 55-64 and 65+ combined together. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (d) | Funded by Part B and/or State Services | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (e) | Total MCM served does not include Clinical Case Management | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| (f) | CBO Pcare targeted to AA (1.b) and HL (1.c) goals represent combined Part A and MAI clients served | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |



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*Priorities and Allocations Committee PC approved*

**FY23 - Increase Funding Scenario Implemented**

**April 10, 2023**

| | | Part A | MAI | Part B | State Services | State Rebate | Total | FY 2023 Allocations & Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Remaining Funds to Allocate** | **$397,685** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$397,685** | |
| | | **Part A** | **MAI** | **Part B** | **State Services** | **State Rebate** | **Total** | **FY 2023 Allocations & Justification** |
| **1** | **Ambulatory/Outpatient Primary Care** | **$11,465,788** | **$2,068,054** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$13,533,842** | **$500,000 added to all subcategories except Pilot Project** |
| 1.a | PC-Public Clinic | $4,109,697 | | | | | $4,109,697 | |
| 1.b | PC-AA | $1,114,019 | $1,045,669 | | | | $2,159,688 | |
| 1.c | PC-Hisp - see 1.b above | $952,840 | $1,022,386 | | | | $1,975,226 | |
| 1.d | PC-White - see 1.b above | $1,201,238 | | | | | $1,201,238 | |
| 1.e | PC-Rural | $1,151,088 | | | | | $1,151,088 | |
| 1.f | PC-Women | $2,197,531 | | | | | $2,197,531 | |
| 1.g | PC-Pedi | $16,153 | | | | | $16,153 | **Must zero out for FY24 (no vendor)** |
| 1.h | Vision Care | $523,222 | | | | | $523,222 | |
| 1.j | PC-Pay for Performance Pilot Project | $200,000 | | | | | $200,000 | |
| **2** | **Medical Case Management** | **$1,880,000** | **$314,062** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$2,194,062** | |
| 2.a | CCM-Mental/Substance | $531,025 | | | | | $531,025 | $150,000 overall increase redistributed amoung all subcategories. **Done.** |
| 2.b | MCM-Public Clinic | $301,129 | | | | | $301,129 | |
| 2.c | MCM-AA | $183,663 | $157,031 | | | | $340,694 | |
| 2.d | MCM-Hisp | $183,665 | $157,031 | | | | $340,696 | |
| 2.e | MCM-White | $66,491 | | | | | $66,491 | |
| 2.f | MCM-Rural | $297,496 | | | | | $297,496 | |
| 2.g | MCM-Women | $81,841 | | | | | $81,841 | |
| 2.h | MCM-Pedi | $97,859 | | | | | $97,859 | **Must zero out for FY24 (no vendor)** |
| 2.i | MCM-Veterans | $86,964 | | | | | $86,964 | |
| 2.j | MCM-Youth | $49,867 | | | | | $49,867 | |
| **3** | **Local Pharmacy Assistance Program** | **$2,067,104** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$2,067,104** | |
| 3.a | LPAP-Public Clinic | $367,104 | | | | | $367,104 | **FY23 Part A: Increase by $56,744 to address ADAP issues. Done.** |
| 3.b | LPAP-Untargeted | $1,700,000 | | | | | $1,700,000 | |
| **4** | **Oral Health** | **$166,404** | **$0** | **$2,218,878** | **$0** | | **$2,385,282** | |
| 4.a | General Oral Health | | | $1,758,878 | | | | |
| 4.b | Prosthodontics | | | $460,000 | | | | |
| 4.c | Rural Dental | $166,404 | | | | | $166,404 | |
| **5** | **Health Insurance Co-Pays & Co-Ins** | **$1,583,137** | **$0** | **$1,028,433** | **$864,506** | **$0** | **$3,476,076** | **$200,000 added.** |
| **6** | **Mental Health Services** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$300,000** | **$0** | **$300,000** | |

*Priorities and Allocations Committee PC approved*

**FY23 - Increase Funding Scenario Implemented**

**April 10, 2023**

| | | Part A | MAI | Part B | State Services | State Rebate | Total | FY 2023 Allocations & Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Remaining Funds to Allocate** | **$397,685** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$397,685** | |
| **7** | **Early Intervention Services** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **FY23 SS: Move $175,000 to Referral for Healthcare and Services (RHSS) since the service fits better within RHSS.** |
| **8** | **Medical Nutritional Therapy** | **$341,395** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$341,395** | |
| **9** | **Home & Community Based Health Services** | **$0** | **$0** | **$113,315** | **$0** | **$0** | **$113,315** | |
| 9.a | In-Home (skilled nursing & health aide) | | | | | | $0 | |
| 9.b | Facility-based (adult day care) | | | $113,315 | | | $113,315 | |
| **10** | **Substance Abuse Treatment - Outpatient** | **$45,677** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$45,677** | |
| **11** | **Hospice** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$259,832** | **$0** | **$259,832** | |
| **12** | **Referral for Health Care & Support Services** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$175,000** | | **$175,000** | **FY23 SS: Move $175,000 from EIS to Referral to Healthcare & Support Services (RHSS) since service fits better within RHSS.** |
| **13** | **Non-Medical Case Management** | **$1,267,002** | **$0** | **$0** | **$350,000** | **$0** | **$1,617,002** | **FY23 Pt A: Per a request from Quality Improvement Committee, increase the average allocation per FTE in order to encourage higher case management salaries and address high turnover. Due to underspending in FY21, Priority & Alloc. Committee feels that level funding will be enough to allow all SLW FTE positions to be increased if agencies wish to make this change.** |
| 13.a | SLW-Youth | $110,793 | | | | | $110,793 | |
| 13.b | SLW-Testing | $100,000 | | | | | $100,000 | |
| 13.c | SLW-Public | $370,000 | | | | | $370,000 | |
| 13.d | SLW-CBO, includes some Rural | $686,209 | | | | | $686,209 | |
| 13.e | SLW-Substance Use | $0 | | | $350,000 | | $350,000 | |
| **14** | **Transportation** | **$424,911** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$424,911** | |
| 14.a | Van Based - Urban | $252,680 | | | | | $252,680 | |
| 14.b | Van Based - Rural | $97,185 | | $0 | | | $97,185 | |
| 14.c | Bus Passes & Gas Vouchers | $75,046 | | | | | $75,046 | |
| **15** | **Emergency Financial Assistance** | **$1,645,439** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$1,645,439** | |
| 15.a | EFA - Pharmacy Assistance | $1,545,439 | | | | | $1,545,439 | **FY23 Part A: Increase by $240,000 to address ADAP issues.** |
| 15.b | EFA - Other | $100,000 | | | | | $100,000 | **FY23 Part A: Decreased by $140,000 due to underspending in FY21.** |
| **16** | **Linguistic Services** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$68,000** | **$0** | **$68,000** | |
| **17** | **Outreach Services** | **$420,000** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$420,000** | |

*Priorities and Allocations Committee PC approved*

**FY23 - Increase Funding Scenario Implemented**

**April 10, 2023**

| | | Part A | MAI | Part B | State Services | State Rebate | Total | FY 2023 Allocations & Justification |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | **Remaining Funds to Allocate** | $397,685 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $0 | $397,685 | |
| | **Total Service Allocation** | **$21,306,857** | **$2,382,116** | **$3,360,626** | **$2,017,338** | **$0** | **$29,066,937** | |
| NA | Quality Management | $428,695 | | | | | $428,695 | |
| NA | Administration - RWGA + RWPC Support | $2,208,914 | | | | | $2,208,914 | |
| NA | HCPH Indirect Cost | $0 | | | | | $0 | **Indirect costs are now included in RWGA Admin Budget** |
| | **Total Non-Service Allocation** | **$2,637,609** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$2,637,609** | |
| | **Total Grant Funds** | **$23,944,466** | **$2,382,116** | **$3,360,626** | **$2,017,338** | **$0** | **$31,704,546** | |

| | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Remaining Funds to Allocate (exact same as the yellow row on top)** | **$397,685** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$0** | **$397,685** |

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* Do not make changes to any cells that are underlined. These cells represent running totals. If you make a change to these cells, then the formulas throughout the sheet will become "broken" and the totals will be incorrect.
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**Core medical** **$17,549,505** **82%**

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| | RW/A Amount Actual | MAI Amount Actual | Part B actual | State Service est. | State Rebate est. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Grant Funds | **$24,342,151** | **$2,382,116** | **$3,360,626** | **$2,017,338** | **$0** | **$32,102,231** |

**Part A Reflects "Increase" Funding Scenario**
**MAI Reflects "Increase" Funding Scenario**

**FY 2022 Ryan White Part A and MAI**
**Procurement Report**

| Priority | Service Category | Original Allocation *RWPC Approved Level Funding Scenario* | Award Reconcilation | July Adjustments (carryover) | October Adjustments | Final Quarter Adjustments | Total Allocation | Percent of Grant Award | Amount Procured (a) | Procure-ment Balance | Original Date Procured | Expended YTD | Percent YTD | Percent Expected YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Care** | **10,965,788** | **-15,437** | **0** | **84,657** | **0** | **11,035,008** | **45.81%** | **11,035,008** | **0** | | **7,259,838** | **66%** | **83%** |
| 1.a | Primary Care - Public Clinic (a) | 3,927,300 | | | | | 3,927,300 | 16.30% | 3,927,300 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $2,035,227 | 52% | 75% |
| 1.b | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to AA (a) (e) (f) | 1,064,576 | | | 90,574 | | 1,155,150 | 4.80% | 1,155,150 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $1,214,475 | 105% | 83% |
| 1.c | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to Hispanic (a) (e) | 910,551 | | | 75,774 | | 986,325 | 4.09% | 986,325 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $1,132,305 | 115% | 83% |
| 1.d | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to White/MSM (a) (e) | 1,147,924 | | | 16,300 | | 1,164,224 | 4.83% | 1,164,224 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $656,518 | 56% | 83% |
| 1.e | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to Rural (a) (e) | 1,100,000 | | | -97,990 | | 1,002,010 | 4.16% | 1,002,010 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $737,635 | 74% | 83% |
| 1.f | Primary Care - Women at Public Clinic (a) | 2,100,000 | | | | | 2,100,000 | 8.72% | 2,100,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $1,129,373 | 54% | 75% |
| 1.g | Primary Care - Pediatric (a.1) | 15,437 | -15,437 | | | | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $0 | 0% | 0% |
| 1.h | Vision | 500,000 | | | | | 500,000 | 2.08% | 500,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $354,305 | 71% | 83% |
| 1.x | Primary Care Health Outcome Pilot | 200,000 | | | | | 200,000 | 0.83% | 200,000 | 0 | | $0 | 0% | 83% |
| **2** | **Medical Case Management** | **1,730,000** | **-90,051** | **0** | **-15,000** | **0** | **1,624,949** | **6.75%** | **1,624,949** | **0** | | **1,439,510** | **89%** | **83%** |
| 2.a | Clinical Case Management | 488,656 | | | | | 488,656 | 2.03% | 488,656 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $446,771 | 91% | 83% |
| 2.b | Med CM - Public Clinic (a) | 277,103 | | | | | 277,103 | 1.15% | 277,103 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $264,445 | 95% | 75% |
| 2.c | Med CM - Targeted to AA (a) (e) | 169,009 | | | | | 169,009 | 0.70% | 169,009 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $222,854 | 132% | 83% |
| 2.d | Med CM - Targeted to H/L (a) (e) | 169,011 | | | | | 169,011 | 0.70% | 169,011 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $88,326 | 52% | 83% |
| 2.e | Med CM - Targeted to W/MSM (a) (e) | 61,186 | | | | | 61,186 | 0.25% | 61,186 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $80,054 | 131% | 83% |
| 2.f | Med CM - Targeted to Rural (a) | 273,760 | | | | | 273,760 | 1.14% | 273,760 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $109,346 | 40% | 83% |
| 2.g | Med CM - Women at Public Clinic (a) | 75,311 | | | | | 75,311 | 0.31% | 75,311 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $136,607 | 181% | 75% |
| 2.h | Med CM - Targeted to Pedi (a.1) | 90,051 | -90,051 | | | | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $0 | 0% | 0% |
| 2.i | Med CM - Targeted to Veterans | 80,025 | | | -15,000 | | 65,025 | 0.27% | 65,025 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $40,737 | 63% | 83% |
| 2.j | Med CM - Targeted to Youth | 45,888 | | | | | 45,888 | 0.19% | 45,888 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $50,370 | 110% | 75% |
| **3** | **Local Pharmacy Assistance Program** | **1,810,360** | **200,000** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2,010,360** | **8.35%** | **2,010,360** | **0** | 3/1/2022 | **$1,471,132** | **73%** | **83%** |
| 3.a | Local Pharmacy Assistance Program-Public Clinic (a) (e) | 310,360 | | | | | 310,360 | 1.29% | 310,360 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $368,361 | 119% | 83% |
| 3.b | Local Pharmacy Assistance Program-Untargeted (a) (e) | 1,500,000 | 200,000 | | | | 1,700,000 | 7.06% | 1,700,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $1,102,772 | 65% | 83% |
| **4** | **Oral Health** | **166,404** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **166,404** | **0.69%** | **166,404** | **0** | 3/1/2022 | **166,400** | **100%** | **83%** |
| 4.a | Oral Health - Untargeted (c) | 0 | | | | | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | N/A | $0 | 0% | **0%** |
| 4.b | Oral Health - Targeted to Rural | 166,404 | | | | | 166,404 | 0.69% | 166,404 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $166,400 | 100% | 83% |
| **5** | **Health Insurance (c)** | **1,383,137** | **431,299** | **138,285** | | | **1,952,721** | **8.11%** | **1,952,721** | **0** | 3/1/2022 | **$1,388,926** | **71%** | **83%** |
| **6** | **Mental Health Services (c)** | **0** | | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| **7** | **Early Intervention Services (c)** | **0** | | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| **8** | **Medical Nutritional Therapy (supplements)** | **341,395** | | | | | **341,395** | **1.42%** | **341,395** | **0** | **3/1/2022** | **$308,722** | **90%** | **83%** |
| **9** | **Home and Community-Based Services (c)** | **0** | | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| 9.a | In-Home | 0 | | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | N/A | $0 | 0% | 0% |
| 9.b | Facility Based | 0 | | | | | 0 | | 0 | 0 | N/A | $0 | 0% | 0% |
| **10** | **Substance Abuse Services - Outpatient (c)** | **45,677** | | | **-20,667** | | **25,010** | **0.10%** | **25,010** | **0** | 3/1/2022 | **$6,788** | **27%** | **83%** |
| **11** | **Hospice Services** | **0** | | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| **12** | **Referral for Health Care and Support Services (c)** | **0** | | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| **13** | **Non-Medical Case Management** | **1,267,002** | **0** | **0** | **43,000** | **0** | **1,310,002** | **5.44%** | **1,310,002** | **0** | **3/1/2022** | **$1,209,859** | **92%** | **83%** |
| 13.a | Service Linkage targeted to Youth | 110,793 | | | | | 110,793 | **0.46%** | 110,793 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $101,218 | 91% | 83% |
| 13.b | Service Linkage targeted to Newly-Diagnosed/Not-in-Care | 100,000 | | | -7,000 | | 93,000 | **0.39%** | 93,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $95,171 | 102% | 83% |
| 13.c | Service Linkage at Public Clinic (a) | 370,000 | | | | | 370,000 | **1.54%** | 370,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $426,897 | 115% | 83% |
| 13.d | Service Linkage embedded in CBO Pcare (a) (e) | 686,209 | | | 50,000 | | 736,209 | **3.06%** | 736,209 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $586,573 | 80% | 83% |
| 13.e | SLW-Substance Use | 0 | | | | | 0 | **0.00%** | 0 | 0 | NA | $0 | 0% | 0% |
| **14** | **Medical Transportation** | **424,911** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **424,911** | **1.76%** | **424,911** | **0** | | **349,862** | **82%** | **83%** |
| 14.a | Medical Transportation services targeted to Urban | 252,680 | | | | | 252,680 | 1.05% | 252,680 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $269,988 | 107% | 83% |
| 14.b | Medical Transportation services targeted to Rural | 97,185 | | | | | 97,185 | 0.40% | 97,185 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $79,874 | 82% | 83% |
| 14.c | Transportation vouchering (bus passes & gas cards) | 75,046 | | | | | 75,046 | 0.31% | 75,046 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $0 | 0% | 75% |
| **15** | **Emergency Financial Assistance** | **1,545,439** | **189,168** | **750,000** | **-120,000** | **0** | **2,364,607** | **9.82%** | **2,364,607** | **0** | | **2,659,646** | **112%** | **83%** |
| 16.a | EFA - Pharmacy Assistance | 1,305,439 | 189,168 | 750,000 | | | 2,244,607 | 9.32% | 2,244,607 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $2,588,861 | 115% | 83% |
| 16.b | EFA - Other | 240,000 | | | -120,000 | | 120,000 | 0.50% | 120,000 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $70,785 | 59% | 83% |
| **16** | **Linguistic Services (c)** | **0** | **0** | | | | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | **NA** | **$0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| **17** | **Outreach** | **420,000** | | | **30,030** | | **450,030** | **1.87%** | **450,030** | **0** | **3/1/2022** | **$227,297** | **51%** | **83%** |
| BEU27516 | **Total Service Dollars** | **20,100,113** | **714,979** | **888,285** | **2,020** | **0** | **21,705,397** | **90.11%** | **21,705,397** | **0** | | **16,487,980** | **76%** | **83%** |

**Part A Reflects "Increase" Funding Scenario**
**MAI Reflects "Increase" Funding Scenario**

**FY 2022 Ryan White Part A and MAI**
**Procurement Report**

| Priority | Service Category | Original Allocation *RWPC Approved Level Funding Scenario* | Award Reconcilation | July Adjustments (carryover) | October Adjustments | Final Quarter Adjustments | Total Allocation | Percent of Grant Award | Amount Procured (a) | Procure-ment Balance | Original Date Procured | Expended YTD | Percent YTD | Percent Expected YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | Unallocated | Unobligated | | | | | 75% |
| | ***Part A Grant Award:*** | **23,198,771** | ***Carry Over:*** | **888,285** | | ***Total Part A:*** | **24,087,056** | **2,846** | **0** | | | | | 83% |
| | | **Original Allocation** | **Award Reconcilation** | **July Adjusments (carryover)** | **October Adjustments** | **Final Quarter Adjustments** | **Total Allocation** | **Percent** | **Total Expended on Services** | **Percent** | | | | |
| | **Core** (must not be less than 75% of total service dollars) | **16,442,761** | **525,811** | **138,285** | **48,990** | **0** | **17,155,847** | **79.04%** | **10,652,390** | **71.63%** | | | | |
| | **Non-Core** (may not exceed 25% of total service dollars) | **3,657,352** | **189,168** | **750,000** | **-46,970** | **0** | **4,549,550** | **20.96%** | **4,219,367** | **28.37%** | | | | |
| | **Total Service Dollars** (does not include Admin and QM) | **20,100,113** | **714,979** | **888,285** | **2,020** | **0** | **21,705,397** | | **14,871,757** | | | | | |

**MAI Procurement Report**

| Priority | Service Category | Original Allocation *RWPC Approved Level Funding Scenario* | Award Reconcilation | July Adjustments (carryover) | October Adjustments | Final Quarter Adjustments | Total Allocation | Percent of Grant Award | Amount Procured (a) | Procure-ment Balance | Date of Procure-ment | Expended YTD | Percent YTD | Percent Expected YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **1** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Care** | **2,002,860** | **104,950** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **2,107,810** | **86.82%** | **2,107,810** | **0** | | **2,039,950** | **97%** | **83%** |
| 1.b (MAI) | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to African American | 1,012,700 | 53,065 | | | | 1,065,765 | 43.90% | 1,065,765 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $1,076,625 | 101% | 83% |
| 1.c (MAI) | Primary Care - CBO Targeted to Hispanic | 990,160 | 51,884 | | | | 1,042,044 | 42.92% | 1,042,044 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $963,325 | 92% | 83% |
| **2** | **Medical Case Management** | **320,100** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **320,100** | **13.18%** | **320,100** | **0** | | **$213,093** | **67%** | 83% |
| 2.c (MAI) | MCM - Targeted to African American | 160,050 | | | | | 160,050 | 6.59% | 160,050 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $131,798 | 82% | 83% |
| 2.d (MAI) | MCM - Targeted to Hispanic | 160,050 | | | | | 160,050 | 6.59% | 160,050 | 0 | 3/1/2022 | $81,295 | 51% | 83% |
| 3 | **DSHS ADAP** | **0** | **0** | **273,335** | **0** | **0** | **273,335** | **11.26%** | **273,335** | **0** | **3/1/2022** | | **0%** | **100%** |
| | **Total MAI Service Funds** | **2,322,960** | **104,950** | **273,335** | **0** | **0** | **2,427,910** | **100.00%** | **2,427,910** | **0** | | **2,253,043** | **93%** | **83%** |
| | Grant Administration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| | Quality Management | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0% | 0% |
| | **Total MAI Non-service Funds** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0** | **0.00%** | **0** | **0** | | **0** | **0%** | **0%** |
| | **Total MAI Funds** | **2,322,960** | **104,950** | **273,335** | **0** | **0** | **2,427,910** | **100.00%** | **2,427,910** | **0** | | **2,253,043** | **93%** | **83%** |
| | ***MAI Grant Award*** | **2,704,223** | ***Carry Over:*** | **276,305** | | ***Total MAI:*** | **2,980,528** | | | | | | | 83% |
| | ***Combined Part A and MAI Orginial Allocation Total*** | **24,631,971** | | | | | | | | | | | | 100% |

**Footnotes:**

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| **All** | When reviewing bundled categories expenditures must be evaluated both by individual service category and by combined categories. One category may exceed 100% of available funding so long as other category offsets this overage. |
| **(a)** | Single local service definition is multiple HRSA service categories. (1) does not include LPAP. Expenditures must be evaluated both by individual service category and by combined service categories. |
| **(c)** | Funded under Part B and/or SS |
| **(e)** | 10% rule reallocations |

# Houston Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance Service Utilization Report

**Period Reported:** 09/01/2022-2/28/2023

**Revised:** 3/30/2023

| | Assisted | | | NOT Assisted | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Request by Type | Number of Requests (UOS) | *Dollar Amount of Requests* | Number of Clients (UDC) | *Number of Requests (UOS)* | *Dollar Amount of Requests* | *Number of Clients (UDC)* |
| Medical Co-Payment | 337 | $35,835.22 | 170 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| Medical Deductible | 147 | $164,576.91 | 130 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| Medical Premium | 3716 | $1,267,800.70 | 838 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| Pharmacy Co-Payment | 14955 | $1,028,232.03 | 1434 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| APTC Tax Liability | 0 | $0.00 | 0 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| Out of Network Out of Pocket | 0 | $0.00 | 0 | *0* | *$0.00* | *0* |
| ACA Premium Subsidy Repayment | 10 | $995.87 | 9 | *NA* | *NA* | *NA* |
| Totals: | 19165 | $2,495,448.99 | 2581 | 0 | $0.00 | |

**Comments: This report represents services provided under all grants.**

# 2022 - 2023 DSHS State Services Service Utilization Report
## 9/1/2022 thru 02/28/2023 Houston HSDA
## 2nd Quarter

Revised 4/3/2023

| Funded Service | UDC | | Gender | | | | Race | | | | Age Group | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | *Goal* | YTD | Male | Female | FTM | MTF | AA | White | Hisp | Other | 0-12 | 13-19 | 20-24 | 25-34 | 35-44 | 45-49 | 50-64 | 65+ |
| Health Insurance Premiums | ***925*** | 1,207 | 80.00% | 18.80% | 0.05% | 1.15% | 38.30% | 29.50% | 29.80% | 2.40% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.10% | 11.90% | 15.40% | 23.10% | 32.00% | 16.50% |
| Hospice | ***35*** | 11 | 81.90% | 18.10% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 27.20% | 45.40% | 18.40% | 9.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 9.20% | 27.20% | 3.60% | 0.00% |
| Linguistic Services | ***50*** | 45 | 49.80% | 45.80% | 0.00% | 4.41% | 51.10% | 8.80% | 4.60% | 35.50% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 2.20% | 6.90% | 26.60% | 42.20% | 13.30% | 8.80% |
| Mental Health Services | ***192*** | 121 | 84.20% | 15.80% | 0.00% | 0.20% | 42.90% | 25.60% | 30.50% | 0.80% | 0.00% | 0.85% | 1.65% | 24.70% | 19.80% | 20.60% | 27.50% | 4.90% |
| Non-Medical Case Management | ***315*** | 75 | 81.40% | 16.00% | 0.00% | 2.60% | 53.30% | 17.40% | 29.30% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.30% | 13.30% | 18.60% | 34.60% | 25.60% | 6.60% |
| Unduplicated Clients Served By State Services Funds: | *NA* | 1,459 | 75.45% | 22.89% | 0.01% | 1.65% | 42.58% | 25.34% | 22.54% | 9.54% | 0.00% | 0.17% | 4.25% | 13.36% | 19.92% | 29.54% | 24.40% | 8.36% |

Completed By: C.Aguries

# The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc.

## FY 2223 DSHS State Services

## Procurement Report

## September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023

**Chart reflects spending through February 2023**

**Spending Target: 50%**

Revised 4/6/2023

| Priority | Service Category | Original Allocation per RWPC | % of Grant Award | Amendments per RWPC | Contractual Amount | Amendment | Contractual Amount | Date of Original Procurement | Expended YTD | Percent YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | **Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing (1)** | $864,506 | 47% | **$0** | $864,506 | $0 | $864,506 | 9/1/2022 | $657,598 | 76% |
| 6 | **Mental Health Services (2)** | $300,000 | 16% | **$0** | $300,000 | $0 | $300,000 | 9/1/2022 | $47,693 | 16% |
| 11 | **Hospice (3)** | $259,832 | 14% | **$0** | $259,832 | $0 | $259,832 | 9/1/2022 | $175,560 | 68% |
| 13 | **Non Medical Case Management (4)** | $350,000 | 19% | **$0** | $350,000 | $0 | $350,000 | 9/1/2022 | $67,793 | 19% |
| 16 | **Linguistic Services (5)** | $68,000 | 4% | **$0** | $68,000 | $0 | $68,000 | 9/1/2022 | $27,588 | 41% |
| | **Total Houston HSDA** | **1,842,338** | **100%** | **$0** | $1,842,338 | $0 | $1,842,338 | | 976,231 | 53% |

Note Currently working with an agency to contract EIS services

(1) HIP- Funded by Part A, B and State Services. Provider spends grant funds by ending dates Part A -2/28; B-3/31;SS-8/31

(2) Has had lower then expected serivce demand

(3) Service utilization is increasing. If it continues to increase we should look at reallocating funds

(4) One months behind in reporting

(5) Service utilization is slightly behind

# The Houston Regional HIV/AIDS Resource Group, Inc.

## FY 2122 Ryan White Part B

## Procurement Report

## April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

**Reflects spending through February 2023**

**Spending Target: 92%**

Revised 4/6/23

| Priority | Service Category | Original Allocation per RWPC | % of Grant Award | Amendment* | Contractual Amount | Amendment | Contractual Amount | Date of Original Procurement | Expended YTD | Percent YTD |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 4 | Oral Health Service | $1,658,878 | 48% | $0 | $1,658,878 | $0 | $1,658,878 | 4/1/2022 | $1,425,950 | 86% |
| 4 | Oral Health Service -Prosthodontics | $560,000 | 16% | $0 | $560,000 | $0 | $560,000 | 4/1/2022 | $600,760 | 107% |
| 5 | Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing (1) | $1,107,702 | 32% | $0 | $1,107,702 | $0 | $1,107,702 | 4/1/2022 | $1,046,609 | 94% |
| 9 | Home and Community Based Health Services (2) | $113,315 | 3% | $0 | $113,315 | $0 | $113,315 | 4/1/2022 | $58,960 | 52% |
| | | $0 | 0% | $0 | $0 | | | | | |
| | **Total Houston HSDA** | 3,439,895 | 100% | 0 | 3,439,895 | $0 | $3,439,895 | | 3,132,279 | 91% |

Note: Spending variances of 10% of target will be addressed:

(1) HIP- Funded by Part A, B and State Services/. Provider spends grant funds by ending dates Part A -2/28; B-3/31;SS-8/31.

(2) Service has ended and funds will be reallocated in HSDA 16

*Note TRG reallocated funds to avoid lapse in funds including reallocated funds from rural HSDAs.

# Houston Area HIV Services Ryan White Planning Council

## FY 2024 How to Best Meet the Need Workgroup
## Service Category Recommendation Summary (as of 04/21/23)

### *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 <u>with</u> 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 Quality Improvement Committee 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 and financial eligibility the same at 300%. 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 all 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: 400%.

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FY 2024 Houston EMA/HSDA Service Categories Definitions
Ryan White Part A, Part B and State Services


| Service Definition | Approved FY23 Financial Eligibility Based on federal poverty guidelines | Recommended FY24 Financial Eligibility Based on federal poverty guidelines | Page # |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care (includes Medical Case Management[1], Service Linkage[2], Outreach[3], EFA-Pharmacy Assistance[4], Local Pharmacy Assistance[5]) - Part A<br>- CBO<br>- Public Clinic<br>- Rural | **300%** (None[1], None[2], None[3], 500%[4], 500%[5]) | **300%** (None[1], None[2], None[3], 500%[4], 500%[5]) | **1**<br>**18**<br>**35** |
| Case Management:<br>- Clinical - Part A<br>- Non-Medical (Service Linkage at Testing Sites) - Part A<br>- Non-Medical (targeting Substance Use Disorders) - State Services | **No Financial Cap** | **No Financial Cap** | **51**<br>**57**<br>**63** |
| Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) - Other<br>- Part A | **400%** | **400%** | **68** |
| Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance:<br>- Part B/State Services<br>- Part A | **0 - 400%**<br>**ACA plans: must have a subsidy**<br>(see Part B service definition for exception) | **0 - 400%**<br>**ACA plans: must have a subsidy**<br>(see Part B service definition for exception) | **71**<br>**74** |
| Hospice Services - State Services | **300%** | **300%** | **77** |
| Linguistic Services - State Services | **300%** | **300%** | **81** |
| Medical Nutritional Therapy and Nutritional Supplements - Part A | **400%** | **400%** | **83** |
| Mental Health Services - State Services | **500%** | **500%** | **87** |
| Oral Health:<br>- Untargeted - Part B<br>- Rural (North) - Part A | **300%** | **300%** | **92**<br>**95** |
| Referral for Health Care:<br>- ADAP Enrollment Workers - State Services<br>- Incarcerated - State Services | **500%**<br>**No Financial Cap** | **500%**<br>**No Financial Cap** | **98**<br>**100** |
| Substance Abuse Treatment - Part A | **500%** | **500%** | **103** |
| Transportation - Part A | **400%** | **400%** | **106** |
| Vision Care - Part A | **400%** | **400%** | **112** |

| FY 2022 Houston EMA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Comprehensive Outpatient Primary Medical Care including Medical Case Management, Service Linkage and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) Services**<br>(Revision Date: 7/26/2022) | |
|---|---|
| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | 1. Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care<br>2. Medical Case Management<br>3. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)<br>4. Case Management (non-Medical)<br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance<br>6. Outreach |
| Local Service Category Title: | Adult Comprehensive Primary Medical Care - CBO<br>i. Community-based Targeted to African American<br>ii. Community-based Targeted to Hispanic<br>iii. Community-based Targeted to White/MSM |
| Amount Available:<br><br>**RWGA Only** | Total estimated available funding: $0.00 (to be determined)<br><br>1. Primary Medical Care: $0.00 (including MAI)<br>i. Targeted to African American: $0.00 (incl. MAI)<br>ii. Targeted to Hispanic: $0.00 (incl. MAI)<br>iii. Targeted to White: $0.00<br><br>2. LPAP $0.00<br><br>3. Medical Case Management: $0.00<br>i. Targeted to African American $0.00<br>ii. Targeted to Hispanic $0.00<br>iii. Targeted to White $0.00<br><br>4. Service Linkage: $0.00<br><br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance/Pharmacy: $0.00<br><br>6. Outreach: $0.00<br><br>Note: The Houston Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) determines overall annual Part A and MAI service category allocations & reallocations. RWGA has sole authority over contract award amounts. |
| Target Population: | Comprehensive Primary Medical Care – Community Based<br>i. Targeted to African American: African American ages 13 or older<br>ii. Targeted to Hispanic: Hispanic ages 13 or older |

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| | iii. Targeted to White: White (non-Hispanic) ages 13 or older |
| Client Eligibility:<br><br>Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Residence, etc. | PLWHA residing in the Houston EMA (prior approval required for non-EMA clients). Contractor must adhere to Targeting requirements and Budget limitations as applicable. |
| Financial Eligibility: | *See current fiscal year Approved Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA* |
| Budget Type: **RWGA Only** | Hybrid Fee for Service |
| Budget Requirement or Restrictions:<br><br>**RWGA Only** | **Primary Medical Care:**<br><br>No less than 75% of clients served in a Targeted subcategory must be members of the targeted population with the following exceptions:<br><br>100% of clients served with MAI funds must be members of the targeted population.<br><br>10% of funds designated to primary medical care must be reserved for invoicing diagnostic procedures at actual cost.<br><br>Subrecipients may not exceed the allocation for each individual service component (Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Local Pharmacy Assistance Program and Service Linkage) without prior approval from RWGA.<br><br>**Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP):**<br><br>Houston Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) guidelines for Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services: Subrecipient shall offer HIV medications from an approved formulary for a total not to exceed $18,000 per contract year per client. Subrecipient shall offer HIV-related medications for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client. These guidelines are determined by the RWPC. The RWPC determines the subcategories that shall include Ryan White LPAP funding.<br><br>Medications must be provided in accordance with Houston EMA guidelines, HRSA/HAB rules and regulations and applicable Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B guidelines.<br><br>At least 75% of the total amount of the budget for LPAP services |

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| | must be solely allocated to the actual cost of medications and may not include any storage, administrative, processing or other costs associated with managing the medication inventory or distribution.<br><br>**EFA-Pharmacy Assistance:** Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency financial assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of RWHAP funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, uses, and periods of time. Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client should not be funded through emergency financial assistance. |
| Service Unit Definition/s:<br><br>**RWGA Only** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care:** One (1) unit of service = One (1) primary care office/clinic visit which includes the following:<br><br>• Primary care physician/nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or clinical nurse specialist examination of the patient, and<br>• Medication/treatment education<br>• Medication access/linkage<br>• OB/GYN specialty procedures (as clinically indicated)<br>• Nutritional assessment (as clinically indicated)<br>• Laboratory (as clinically indicated, not including specialized tests)<br>• Radiology (as clinically indicated, not including CAT scan or MRI)<br>• Eligibility verification/screening (as necessary)<br>• Follow-up visits wherein the patient is not seen by the MD/NP/PA are considered to be a component of the original primary care visit.<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** 1 unit of service = A single (1) office/clinic visit wherein the patient is seen by a State licensed and board-eligible Psychiatrist or qualified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. This visit may or may not occur on the same date as a primary care office visit.<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment and Plan:** 1 unit of service = A single comprehensive nutritional assessment and treatment plan performed by a Licensed, Registered Dietician initiated upon a physician's order. Does not include the provision of Supplements or other products (clients may be referred to the Ryan White funded Medical Nutritional Therapy provider for provision of medically necessary |

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| | supplements). The nutritional assessment visit may or may not occur on the same date as a medical office visit.<br><br>**AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local):** A unit of service = a transaction involving the filling of a prescription or any other allowable medication need ordered by a qualified medical practitioner. The transaction will involve at least one item being provided for the client but can be any multiple. The cost of medications provided to the client must be invoiced at actual cost.<br><br>**Medical Case Management:** 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct medical case management services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified medical case manager.<br><br>**Service Linkage (non-Medical Case Management):** 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct service linkage services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified service linkage worker.<br><br>**Outreach:** 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct client service providing outreach services by an Outreach Worker for eligible HIV-infected clients, including other allowable activities (includes staff trainings, meetings, and assessments at determined by Ryan White Grant Administration). |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br><br>**RWGA Only** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care** is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). Primary medical care for the treatment of HIV infection includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies. |

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| | **AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)** includes local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by Part A or Part B Grantees to provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients. This assistance can be funded with Part A grant funds and/or Part B base award funds. Local pharmacy assistance programs are not funded with ADAP earmark funding.<br><br>**Medical Case Management** services (including treatment adherence) are a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of medical case management. These services ensure timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care, through ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems. Medical case management includes the provision of treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV/AIDS treatments. Key activities include (1) initial assessment of service needs; (2) development of a comprehensive, individualized service plan; (3) coordination of services required to implement the plan; (4) client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; and (5) periodic re-evaluation and adaptation of the plan as necessary over the life of the client. It includes client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. This includes all types of case management including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication.<br><br>**Case Management (non-Medical)** includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-medical case management does not involve coordination and follow-up of medical treatments, as medical case management does.<br><br>**Emergency Financial Assistance** provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program.<br><br>**Outreach Services** include the provision of the following three activities: Identification of people who do not know their HIV status and linkage into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Provision of additional information and education on health care coverage options, |

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| | Reengagement of people who know their status into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services |
| Standards of Care: | Subrecipients must adhere to the most current published Part A/B Standards of Care for the Houston EMA/HSDA. **Services must meet or exceed applicable United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines for the Treatment of HIV.** |
| Local Service Category Definition/Services to be Provided: | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care:** Services include on-site physician, physician extender, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication education, and patient care coordination. The Subrecipient must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral to appropriate medical provider upon primary care Physician's order).<br><br>Services provided to women shall further include OB/GYN physician & physician extender services on-site or by referral, OB/GYN services, colposcopy, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication/women's health education, patient care coordination, and social services. The Subrecipient must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral protocols to appropriate agencies upon primary care Physician's order).<br><br>**Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care must provide:**<br><br>• Continuity of care for all stages of adult HIV disease;<br>• Laboratory and pharmacy services including intravenous medications (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Outpatient psychiatric care, including lab work necessary for the prescribing of psychiatric medications when appropriate (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to the Texas ADAP program (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to compassionate use HIV medication programs (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to HIV related research protocols (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Must at a minimum, comply with Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards for HIV Primary Medical Care. The Subrecipient must demonstrate on an ongoing basis the ability |

to provide state-of-the-art HIV-related primary care medicine in accordance with the most recent DHHS HIV treatment guidelines. Rapid advances in HIV treatment protocols require that the Subrecipient provide services that to the greatest extent possible maximize a patient's opportunity for long-term survival and maintenance of the highest quality of life possible.

- On-site Outpatient Psychiatry services.
- On-site Medical Case Management services.
- On-site Medication Education.
- Physical therapy services (either on-site or via referral).
- Specialty Clinic Referrals (either on-site or via referral).
- On-site pelvic exams as needed for female patients with appropriate follow-up treatment and referral.
- On site Nutritional Counseling by a Licensed Dietitian.

**Services for women must also provide:**

- Well woman care, including but not limited to: PAP, pelvic exam, HPV screening, breast examination, mammography, hormone replacement and education, pregnancy testing, contraceptive services excluding birth control medications.
- Obstetric Care: ante-partum through post-partum services, child birth/delivery services. Perinatal preventative education and treatment.
- On-site or by referral Colposcopy exams as needed, performed by an OB/GYN physician, or physician extender with a colposcopy provider qualification.
- Social services, including but not limited to, providing women access to child care, transportation vouchers, food vouchers and support groups at the clinic site;

**Nutritional Assessment:** Services include provision of information about therapeutic nutritional/supplemental foods that are beneficial to the wellness and increased health conditions of clients by a Licensed Dietitian. Services may be provided either through educational or counseling sessions. Clients who receive these services may utilize the Ryan White Part A-funded nutritional supplement provider to obtain recommended nutritional supplements in accordance with program rules. Clients are limited to one (1) nutritional assessment per calendar year without prior approval of RWGA.

Patient Medication Education Services must adhere to the following requirements:

- Medication Educators must be State Licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant PA),

Nurse (RN, LVN) or Pharmacist. Prior approval must be obtained prior to utilizing any other health care professional not listed above to provide medication education.

- Clients who will be prescribed ongoing medical regimens (i.e. ART) must be assessed for adherence to treatment at every clinical encounter using the EMA's approved adherence assessment tool. Clients with adherence issues related to lack of understanding must receive more education regarding their medical regimen. Clients with adherence issues that are behavioral or involve mental health issues must be provided counseling by the Medical Case Manager, Physician or Physician Extender and/or licensed nursing staff and, if clinically indicated, assessment and treatment by a qualified Psychiatrist or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:**

The program must provide:

- Diagnostic Assessments: comprehensive evaluation for identification of psychiatric disorders, mental status evaluation, differential diagnosis which may involve use of other clinical and laboratory tests, case formulation, and treatment plans or disposition.
- Emergency Psychiatric Services: rapid evaluation, differential diagnosis, acute treatment, crisis intervention, and referral. Must be available on a 24-hour basis including emergency room referral.
- Brief Psychotherapy: individual, supportive, group, couple, family, hypnosis, biofeedback, and other psychophysiological treatments and behavior modification.
- Psychopharmacotherapy: evaluation and medication treatment of psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, anxiety disorders, major depression, pain syndromes, habit control problems, psychosis and organic mental disorders.
- Rehabilitation Services: Physical, psychosocial, behavioral, and/or cognitive training.

Screening for Eye Disorders: Subrecipient must ensure that patients receive appropriate screening and treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, and other related problems.

**Local Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP):** LPAP provides pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. Allowable medications are only

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| | those on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Eligible clients may be provided Fuzeon™ on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA). The cost of Fuzeon™ does not count against a client's annual maximum. HIV-related medication services are the provision of physician or physician-extender prescribed HIV-related medications to prevent serious deterioration of health. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge (such as birth control and TB medications) or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription.<br><br>Subrecipient must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary, for a total not to exceed $18,000.00 per contract year per client. Subrecipient must provide allowable HIV-related medications (i.e. non-HIV medications) for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client.<br><br>**Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance:** provides limited one-time and/or short-term 30-day supply of pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. One refill for up to 30-day supply available with RWGA prior approval. Allowable medications are only those HIV medications on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription. Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary.<br><br>**Medical Case Management Services:** Services include screening all primary medical care patients to determine each patient's level of need for Medical Case Management services, performing a comprehensive assessment, including an assessment of the patient's health literary, and developing a medical service plan for each client that demonstrates a documented need for such services, monitoring medical service plan to ensure its implementation, and educating client regarding wellness, medication and health care appointment adherence. The Medical Case Manager serves as an advocate for the client and as a liaison with medical providers on behalf of the client. The Medical Case Manager ensures linkage to mental health, substance abuse and other client services as indicated by the medical service plan. |

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| | **Service Linkage:** The purpose of Service Linkage is to assist clients with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. Service Linkage is a working agreement between a client and a Service Linkage Worker for an indeterminate period, based on client need, during which information, referrals and service linkage are provided on an as-needed basis. Service Linkage assists clients who do not require the intensity of Medical Case Management per RWGA Quality Management guidelines. Service Linkage is both office-based and field based. Service Linkage Workers are expected to coordinate activities with referral sources where newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWH may be identified, including 1:1 case conferences with testing site personnel to ensure the successful transition of referrals into Primary Care Services. Such incoming referral coordination includes meeting prospective clients at the referring Provider location in order to develop rapport with individuals prior to the individual's initial Primary Care appointment and ensuring such new intakes to Primary Care services have sufficient support to make the often difficult transition into ongoing primary medical care. Service Linkage also includes follow-up to re-engage lost-to-care patients. Lost-to-care patients are those patients who have not returned for scheduled appointments with Provider nor have provided Provider with updated information about their current Primary Medical Care provider (in the situation where patient may have obtained alternate service from another medical provider). Subrecipient must document efforts to re-engage lost-to-care patients prior to closing patients in the CPCDMS. Service Linkage extends the capability of existing programs by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWH who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. Service Linkage includes the issuance of bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published RWGA guidelines. Service Linkage complements and extends the service delivery capability of Medical Case Management services.<br><br>**Outreach**: Providing allowable Ryan White Program outreach and service linkage activities to newly-diagnosed and/or Lost-to-Care PLWH who know their status but are not actively engaged in outpatient primary medical care with information, referrals and assistance with medical appointment setting, mental health, substance abuse and psychosocial services as needed; advocating on behalf of clients to decrease service gaps and remove barriers to services helping clients develop and utilize independent living skills and |

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| | strategies. Assist clients in obtaining needed resources, including bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published HCPHES/RWGA policies. Outreach services must be conducted at times and in places where there is a high probability that individuals with HIV and/or exhibiting high-risk behavior, designed to provide quantified program reporting of activities and outcomes to accommodate local evaluation of effectiveness, planned and delivered in coordination with local and state HIV prevention outreach programs to avoid duplication of effort, targeted to populations known, through local epidemiologic data or review of service utilization data or strategic planning processes, to be at disproportionate risk for HIV. |
| Agency Requirements: | **Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified.**<br><br>**Eligibility and Benefits Coordination:** Subrecipient must implement consumer-friendly, culturally and linguistically appropriate new and ongoing patient eligibility verification and benefit coordination processes that ensure accountability with Ryan White Payer of Last Resort requirements while achieving maximum utilization of eligible benefits. Eligibility processes should provide clients with a meaningful understanding of their benefits, expected out-of-pocket expenses and other information needed to ensure full and continued participation in care.<br><br>**LPAP and EFA Services:** Subrecipient must:<br><br>Provide pharmacy services on-site or through an established contractual relationship that meets all requirements. Alternate (off-site) approaches must be approved prior to implementation by RWGA.<br><br>Either directly, or via subcontract with an eligible 340B Pharmacy program entity, must:<br><br>Ensure a comprehensive financial intake application to determine client eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort for purchase of medications.<br><br>Ensure the documented capability of interfacing with the Texas HIV Medication Program operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This capability must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure medication assistance provided to clients does not duplicate services already being provided in the Houston area. The process for |

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| | accomplishing this must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure, either directly or via a 340B Pharmacy Program Provider, at least 2 years of continuous documented experience in providing HIV medication programs utilizing Ryan White Program or similar public sector funding. This experience must be documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure all medications are purchased via a qualified participant in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and Prime Vendor Program, administered by the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs. Note: failure to maintain 340B or Prime Vendor drug pricing may result in a negative audit finding, cost disallowance or termination of contract awarded. Subrecipient must maintain 340B Program participation throughout the contract term. All eligible medications must be purchased in accordance with Program 340B guidelines and program requirements.<br><br>Ensure Houston area HIV service providers are informed of this program and how the client referral and enrollment processes functions and must maintain documentation of such marketing efforts.<br><br>Implement a consistent process to enroll eligible patients in available pharmaceutical company Patient Assistance Programs prior to using Ryan White Part A funded LPAP resources.<br><br>Ensure information regarding the program is provided to PLWH, including historically under-served and unserved populations (e.g., African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander) and women not currently obtaining prescribed HIV and HIV-related medications.<br><br>Offer, at no charge to the client, delivery options for medication refills, including but not limited to courier, USPS or other package delivery service.<br><br>**Case Management Operations and Supervision:** The Service Linkage Workers (SLW) and Medical Case Managers (MCM) must function within the clinical infrastructure of Subrecipient and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds published Standards of Care. A MCM may supervise SLWs. |

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| Staff Requirements: | Contractor is responsible for ensuring that services are provided by State licensed internal medicine and OB/GYN physicians, specialty care physicians, psychiatrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, vocational nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, physician extenders with a colposcopy provider qualification, x-ray technologists, State licensed dieticians, licensed social worker and ancillary health care providers in accordance with appropriate State licensing and/or certification requirements and with knowledge and experience of HIV disease. In addition, Contractor must ensure the following staff requirements are met:<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Director of the Program must be a Board Certified Psychiatrist. Licensed and/or Certified allied health professionals (Licensed Psychologists, Physicians, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, etc.) must be used in all treatment modalities. Documentation of the Director's credentials, licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal. Documentation of the Allied Health professional licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal appendices.<br><br>**Medication and Adherence Education:** The program must utilize an RN, LVN, PA, NP, pharmacist or MD licensed by the State of Texas, who has at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV care, to provide the educational services. Licensed social workers who have at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV care may also provide adherence education and counseling.<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment (primary care):** Services must be provided by a licensed registered dietician. Dieticians must have a minimum of two (2) years of experience providing nutritional assessment and counseling to PLWH.<br><br>**Medical Case Management:** The program must utilize a state licensed Social Worker to provide Medical Case Management Services. The Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Medical Case Management FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Medical Case Manager and the individual assigned to supervise those Medical Case Managers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Service Linkage:** The program must utilize Service Linkage Workers |

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| | who have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing client services to PLWH may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Service Linkage Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year paid work experience with PLWH. Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Service Linkage FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Service Linkage Worker and the individual assigned to supervise those Service Linkage Workers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Supervision of Case Managers:** The Service Linkage Workers and Medical Case Managers must function within the clinical infrastructure of Contractor and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care for Service Linkage and Medical Case Management as applicable. An MCM may supervise SLWs. |
| Special Requirements: | **All primary medical care services must meet or exceed current United States DHHS Treatment Guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV disease.**<br><br>Subrecipient must provide all required program components - Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Service Linkage (non-medical Case Management) and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services.<br><br>**Primary Medical Care Services:** Services funded under this grant cannot be used to supplant insurance or Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements for such services. Clients eligible for such reimbursement may not be billed to this contract. Medicare and private insurance co-payments may be eligible for reimbursement under Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance (HIA) program guidelines. Patients needing such assistance should be referred to the local Ryan White-funded HIA provider for assistance. Under no circumstances may the Subrecipient bill the County for the difference between the reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare or Third-Party insurance and the fee schedule under the contract. Furthermore, potential clients who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible or have other Third Party payers may not be denied services or referred elsewhere by the Subrecipient based on their reimbursement status (i.e. Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may not be referred elsewhere in order that non-Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may be added to |

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| | the contract). Failure to serve Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients based on their reimbursement status will be grounds for the immediate termination of contract.<br><br>**For primary medical care services targeted to the Latino community at least 50% of the clinical care team must be fluent in Spanish.**<br><br>**Diagnostic Procedures:** A single Diagnostic Procedure limited to procedures on the approved list of diagnostic procedures (see below) without prior County approval. Approved diagnostic procedures will be reimbursed at invoice cost. Part A and Part A/MAI-funded programs must refer to the RWGA website for the most current list of approved diagnostic procedures and corresponding codes: www.hcphtx.org/rwga. **Diagnostic procedures not listed on the website must have prior approval by RWGA.**<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Client must not be eligible for services from other programs/providers or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) unless the client is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, clients may be provided services, as long as the client applies for the other programs/providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services. Program must be supervised by a Psychiatrist and include diagnostic assessments, emergency evaluations and psycho-pharmacotherapy.<br><br>**Maintaining Referral Relationships** (Point of Entry Agreements): Subrecipient must maintain appropriate relationships with entities that constitute key points of access to the health care system for individuals with HIV, including but not limited to, Harris Health System and other Houston EMA-located emergency rooms, Harris County Jail, Texas Department of Criminal Justice incarceration facilities, Immigration detention centers, substance abuse treatment and detoxification programs, adult and juvenile detention facilities, Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC), HIV counseling and testing sites, mental health programs and homeless shelters. These referral relationships must be documented with written collaborative agreements, contracts or memoranda of understanding between Subrecipient and appropriate point of entry entities and are subject to audit by RWGA. Subrecipient and POE entity staff must regularly (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly depending on volume of referrals) meet 1:1 to discuss new |

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| | referrals to primary medical care services. Such case conferences must be documented in the client record and properly entered into the CPCDMS.<br><br>Use of CPCDMS Data System: Subrecipient must comply with CPCDMS business rules and procedures. Subrecipient must enter into the CPCDMS all required clinical data, including but not limited to, HAART treatment including all changes in medication regimens, Opportunistic Infections, screening and treatment for STDs and Hepatitis A, B, C and other clinical screening and treatment data required by HRSA, TDSHS and the County. Subrecipient must perform Registration updates in accordance with RWGA CPCDMS business rules for all clients wherein Subrecipient is client's CPCDMS record-owning agency. Subrecipient must utilize an electronic verification system to verify insurance/3rd party payer status monthly or per visit (whichever is less frequent).<br><br>**Bus Pass Distribution:** The County will provide Subrecipient with METRO bus pass vouchers. Bus Pass vouchers must be distributed in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Subrecipient may only issue METRO bus pass vouchers to clients wherein the Subrecipient is the CPCDMS record owning Subrecipient. METRO bus pass vouchers shall be distributed as follows:<br><br>**Expiration of Current Bus Pass:** In those situations wherein the bus pass expiration date does not coincide with the CPCDMS registration update the Subrecipient must distribute METRO bus pass vouchers to eligible clients upon the expiration of the current bus pass or when a Value-based bus card has been expended on eligible transportation needs. Subrecipient may issue METRO bus passes to eligible clients living outside the METRO service area in those situations where the Subrecipient has documented in the client record that the client will utilize the METRO system to access needed HIV-related health care services located in the METRO service area.<br><br>**Gas Cards:** Primary Medical Care Subrecipients must distribute gasoline vouchers to eligible clients residing in the rural service area in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Gas Cards are only available to Rural primary medical care Subrecipients without prior approval by RWGA. |

# *FY 2024 RWPC "How to Best Meet the Need" Decision Process*

| Step in Process: **Council** | | Date: **06/08/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Approved: Y:_____ No: _____<br>Approved With Changes:_____ | If approved with changes list changes below: |
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| Step in Process: **Steering Committee** | | Date: **06/01/2023** |
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| Step in Process: **Quality Improvement Committee** | | Date: **05/09/2023** |
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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #1** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: PriCare=300%, EFA=500%, MCM/SLW/ Outreach=none, LPAP=500% |
| 1. 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. | |
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| FY 2015 Houston EMA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Comprehensive Outpatient Primary Medical Care including Medical Case Management, Service Linkage and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) Services**<br>(Revision Date: 7/26/22) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | 1. Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care<br>2. Medical Case Management<br>3. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)<br>4. Case Management (non-Medical)<br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance<br>6. Outreach |
| Local Service Category Title: | Adult Comprehensive Primary Medical Care<br>i. Targeted to Public Clinic<br>ii. Targeted to Women at Public Clinic |
| Amount Available: **RWGA Only** | Total estimated available funding: $0.00 (to be determined)<br><br>1. Primary Medical Care: $0.00 (including MAI)<br>i. Targeted to Public Clinic: $0.00<br>ii. Targeted to Women at Public Clinic: $0.00<br>2. LPAP $0.00<br>3. Medical Case Management: $0.00<br>i. Targeted to Public Clinic: $0.00<br>ii. Targeted to Women at Public Clinic: $0.00<br>4. Service Linkage: $0.00<br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance<br>6. Outreach<br>Note: The Houston Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) determines annual Part A and MAI service category allocations & reallocations. RWGA has sole authority over contract award amounts. |
| Target Population: | Comprehensive Primary Medical Care – Community Based<br>i. Targeted to Public Clinic<br>ii. Targeted to Women at Public Clinic |
| Client Eligibility: Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Residence, etc. | PLWH residing in the Houston EMA (prior approval required for non-EMA clients). Contractor must adhere to Targeting requirements and Budget limitations as applicable. |
| Financial Eligibility: | *See current fiscal year (FY) Approved Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA* |
| Budget Type: **RWGA Only** | Hybrid Fee for Service |
| Budget Requirement or Restrictions: | **Primary Medical Care:**<br>100% of clients served under the *Targeted to Women at Public* |

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| **RWGA Only** | *Clinic* subcategory must be female<br>10% of funds designated to primary medical care must be reserved for invoicing diagnostic procedures at actual cost.<br>Contractors may not exceed the allocation for each individual service component (Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Local Pharmacy Assistance Program and Service Linkage) without prior approval from RWGA.<br>**Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP):**<br>Houston RWPC guidelines for Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services: Contractor shall offer HIV medications from an approved formulary for a total not to exceed $18,000 per contract year per client. Contractor shall offer HIV-related medications for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client. These guidelines are determined by the RWPC. The RWPC determines the subcategories that shall include Ryan White LPAP funding.<br>Medications must be provided in accordance with Houston EMA guidelines, HRSA/HAB rules and regulations and applicable Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B guidelines.<br>At least 75% of the total amount of the budget for LPAP services must be solely allocated to the actual cost of medications and may not include any storage, administrative, processing or other costs associated with managing the medication inventory or distribution. |
| Service Unit Definition/s:<br>**RWGA Only** | • Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care: One (1) unit of service = One (1) primary care office/clinic visit which includes the following:<br>• Primary care physician/nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or clinical nurse specialist examination of the patient, and<br>• Medication/treatment education<br>• Medication access/linkage<br>• OB/GYN specialty procedures (as clinically indicated)<br>• Nutritional assessment (as clinically indicated)<br>• Laboratory (as clinically indicated, not including specialized tests)<br>• Radiology (as clinically indicated, not including CAT scan or MRI)<br>• Eligibility verification/screening (as necessary)<br>• Follow-up visits wherein the patient is not seen by the MD/NP/PA are considered to be a component of the original primary care visit.<br>• Outpatient Psychiatric Services: 1 unit of service = A single (1) office/clinic visit wherein the patient is seen by a State |

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| | licensed and board-eligible Psychiatrist or qualified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. This visit may or may not occur on the same date as a primary care office visit.<br>• Medication Education: 1 unit of service = A single pharmacy visit wherein a Ryan White eligible client is provided medication education services by a qualified pharmacist. This visit may or may not occur on the same date as a primary care office visit. Maximum reimbursement allowable for a medication education visit may not exceed $50.00 per visit. The visit must include at least one prescription medication being provided to clients. A maximum of one (1) Medication Education Visit may be provided to an individual client per day, regardless of the number of prescription medications provided.<br>• Nutritional Assessment and Plan: 1 unit of service = A single comprehensive nutritional assessment and treatment plan performed by a Licensed, Registered Dietician initiated upon a physician's order. Does not include the provision of Supplements or other products (clients may be referred to the Ryan White funded Medical Nutritional Therapy provider for provision of medically necessary supplements). The nutritional assessment visit may or may not occur on the same date as a medical office visit.<br>• AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local): A unit of service = a transaction involving the filling of a prescription or any other allowable medication need ordered by a qualified medical practitioner. The transaction will involve at least one item being provided for the client, but can be any multiple. The cost of medications provided to the client must be invoiced at actual cost.<br>• Medical Case Management: 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct medical case management services to an eligible PLWH performed by a qualified medical case manager.<br>• Service Linkage (non-Medical Case Management): 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct service linkage services to an eligible PLWH performed by a qualified service linkage worker.<br>• Outreach: 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct client service providing outreach services by an Outreach Worker for eligible clients, including other allowable activities (includes staff trainings, meetings, and assessments at determined by Ryan White Grant Administration). |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | • **Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care** is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are |

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| | not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). Primary medical care for the treatment of HIV includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies.<br>• **AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)** includes local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by Part A or Part B Grantees to provide HIV medications to clients. This assistance can be funded with Part A grant funds and/or Part B base award funds. Local pharmacy assistance programs are not funded with ADAP earmark funding.<br>• **Medical Case Management** services (including treatment adherence) are a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of medical case management. These services ensure timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care, through ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems. Medical case management includes the provision of treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV treatments. Key activities include (1) initial assessment of service needs; (2) development of a comprehensive, individualized service plan; (3) coordination of services required to implement the plan; (4) client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; and (5) periodic re-evaluation and adaptation of the plan as necessary over the life of the client. It includes client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. This includes all types of case management including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication.<br>• **Case Management (non-Medical)** includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-medical case management does not involve coordination and follow-up of medical treatments, as medical case management does. |

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| | • **Emergency Financial Assistance** provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program.<br>• **Outreach Services** include the provision of the following three activities: Identification of people who do not know their HIV status and linkage into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Provision of additional information and education on health care coverage options, Reengagement of people who know their status into Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services |
| Standards of Care: | Contractors must adhere to the most current published Part A/B Standards of Care for the Houston EMA/HSDA. **Services must meet or exceed applicable United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines for the Treatment of HIV.** |

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| Local Service Category Definition/Services to be Provided: | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care:** Services include on-site physician, physician extender, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication education, and patient care coordination. The Contractor must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral to appropriate medical provider upon primary care Physician's order).<br><br>Services provided to women shall further include OB/GYN physician & physician extender services on-site or by referral, OB/GYN services, colposcopy, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication/women's health education, patient care coordination, and social services. The Contractor must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral protocols to appropriate agencies upon primary care Physician's order).<br><br>**Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care must provide:**<br><br>• Continuity of care for all stages of adult HIV disease;<br>• Laboratory and pharmacy services including intravenous medications (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Outpatient psychiatric care, including lab work necessary for |

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| | the prescribing of psychiatric medications when appropriate (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to the Texas ADAP program (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to compassionate use HIV medication programs (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to HIV related research protocols (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Must at a minimum, comply with Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards for HIV Primary Medical Care. The Contractor must demonstrate on an ongoing basis the ability to provide state-of-the-art HIV-related primary care medicine in accordance with the most recent DHHS HIV treatment guidelines. Rapid advances in HIV treatment protocols require that the Contractor provide services that to the greatest extent possible maximize a patient's opportunity for long-term survival and maintenance of the highest quality of life possible.<br>• On-site Outpatient Psychiatry services.<br>• On-site Medical Case Management services.<br>• On-site Medication Education.<br>• Physical therapy services (either on-site or via referral).<br>• Specialty Clinic Referrals (either on-site or via referral).<br>• On-site pelvic exams as needed for female patients with appropriate follow-up treatment and referral.<br>• On site Nutritional Counseling by a Licensed Dietitian.<br><br>**Women's Services must also provide:**<br><br>• Well woman care, including but not limited to: PAP, pelvic exam, HPV screening, breast examination, mammography, hormone replacement and education, pregnancy testing, contraceptive services excluding birth control medications.<br>• Obstetric Care: ante-partum through post-partum services, child birth/delivery services. Perinatal preventative education and treatment.<br>• On-site or by referral Colposcopy exams as needed, performed by an OB/GYN physician, or physician extender with a colposcopy provider qualification.<br>• Social services, including but not limited to, providing women access to child care, transportation vouchers, food vouchers and support groups at the clinic site;<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment:** Services include provision of information about therapeutic nutritional/supplemental foods that are beneficial to the wellness and increased health conditions of clients by a Licensed |

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| | Dietitian. Services may be provided either through educational or counseling sessions. Clients who receive these services may utilize the Ryan White Part A-funded nutritional supplement provider to obtain recommended nutritional supplements in accordance with program rules. Clients are limited to one (1) nutritional assessment per calendar year without prior approval of RWGA.<br><br>Patient Medication Education Services must adhere to the following requirements:<br><br>• Medication Educators must be State Licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant PA), Nurse (RN, LVN) or Pharmacist. Prior approval must be obtained prior to utilizing any other health care professional not listed above to provide medication education.<br>• Clients who will be prescribed ongoing medical regimens (i.e. ART) must be assessed for adherence to treatment at every clinical encounter using the EMA's approved adherence assessment tool. Clients with adherence issues related to lack of understanding must receive more education regarding their medical regimen. Clients with adherence issues that are behavioral or involve mental health issues must be provided counseling by the Medical Case Manager, Physician or Physician Extender and/or licensed nursing staff and, if clinically indicated, assessment and treatment by a qualified Psychiatrist or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:**<br><br>The program must provide:<br><br>• Diagnostic Assessments: comprehensive evaluation for identification of psychiatric disorders, mental status evaluation, differential diagnosis which may involve use of other clinical and laboratory tests, case formulation, and treatment plans or disposition.<br>• Emergency Psychiatric Services: rapid evaluation, differential diagnosis, acute treatment, crisis intervention, and referral. Must be available on a 24 hour basis including emergency room referral.<br>• Brief Psychotherapy: individual, supportive, group, couple, family, hypnosis, biofeedback, and other psychophysiological treatments and behavior modification.<br>• Psychopharmacotherapy: evaluation and medication treatment of psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, anxiety disorders, major depression, pain syndromes, habit |

control problems, psychosis and organic mental disorders.
- Rehabilitation Services: Physical, psychosocial, behavioral, and/or cognitive training.

Screening for Eye Disorders: Contractor must ensure that patients receive appropriate screening and treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, and other related problems.

**Local Medication Assistance Program (LPAP):** LPAP provides pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. Allowable medications are only those on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Eligible clients may be provided Fuzeon™ on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA). The cost of Fuzeon™ does not count against a client's annual maximum. HIV-related medication services are the provision of physician or physician-extender prescribed HIV-related medications to prevent serious deterioration of health. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge (such as birth control and TB medications) or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription.

Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary, for a total not to exceed $18,000.00 per contract year per client. Contractor must provide allowable HIV-related medications (i.e. non-HIV medications) for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client. Contractor may be reimbursed ADAP dispensing fees (e.g. $5/Rx) in accordance with RWGA business rules for those ADAP clients who are unable to pay the ADAP dispensing fee.

**Medical Case Management Services:** Services include screening all primary medical care patients to determine each patient's level of need for Medical Case Management services, performing a comprehensive assessment, including an assessment of the patient's health literary, and developing a medical service plan for each client that demonstrates a documented need for such services, monitoring medical service plan to ensure its implementation, and educating client regarding wellness, medication and health care appointment adherence. The Medical Case Manager serves as an advocate for the client and as a liaison with medical providers on behalf of the client. The Medical Case Manager ensures linkage to mental health, substance abuse and other client services as indicated by the medical

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| | service plan.<br><br>**Service Linkage:** The purpose of Service Linkage is to assist clients with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. Service Linkage is a working agreement between a client and a Service Linkage Worker for an indeterminate period, based on client need, during which information, referrals and service linkage are provided on an as-needed basis. Service Linkage assists clients who do not require the intensity of Medical Case Management per RWGA Quality Management guidelines. Service Linkage is both office-based and field based. Service Linkage Workers are expected to coordinate activities with referral sources where newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWH may be identified, including 1:1 case conferences with testing site personnel to ensure the successful transition of referrals into Primary Care Services. Such incoming referral coordination includes meeting prospective clients at the referring Provider location in order to develop rapport with individuals prior to the individual's initial Primary Care appointment and ensuring such new intakes to Primary Care services have sufficient support to make the often difficult transition into ongoing primary medical care. Service Linkage also includes follow-up to re-engage lost-to-care patients. Lost-to-care patients are those patients who have not returned for scheduled appointments with Provider nor have provided Provider with updated information about their current Primary Medical Care provider (in the situation where patient may have obtained alternate service from another medical provider). Contractor must document efforts to re-engage lost-to-care patients prior to closing patients in the CPCDMS. Service Linkage extends the capability of existing programs by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWH who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. Service Linkage includes the issuance of bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published RWGA guidelines. Service Linkage complements and extends the service delivery capability of Medical Case Management services.<br><br>**Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance:** provides limited one-time and/or short-term 30-day supply of pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. One refill for up to 30-day supply available with RWGA prior approval. Allowable medications are only those HIV medications on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Does not include |

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| | drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription. Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary.<br><br>**Outreach**: Providing allowable Ryan White Program outreach and service linkage activities to newly-diagnosed and/or Lost-to-Care PLWH who know their status but are not actively engaged in outpatient primary medical care with information, referrals and assistance with medical appointment setting, mental health, substance abuse and psychosocial services as needed; advocating on behalf of clients to decrease service gaps and remove barriers to services helping clients develop and utilize independent living skills and strategies. Assist clients in obtaining needed resources, including bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published HCPH/RWGA policies. Outreach services must be conducted at times and in places where there is a high probability that individuals with HIV and/or exhibiting high-risk behavior, designed to provide quantified program reporting of activities and outcomes to accommodate local evaluation of effectiveness, planned and delivered in coordination with local and state HIV prevention outreach programs to avoid duplication of effort, targeted to populations known, through local epidemiologic data or review of service utilization data or strategic planning processes, to be at disproportionate risk for HIV. |
| Agency Requirements: | **Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified.**<br><br>**Eligibility and Benefits Coordination:** Contractor must implement consumer-friendly, culturally and linguistically appropriate new and ongoing patient eligibility verification and benefit coordination processes that ensure accountability with Ryan White Payer of Last Resort requirements while achieving maximum utilization of eligible benefits. Eligibility processes should provide clients with a meaningful understanding of their benefits, expected out-of-pocket expenses and other information needed to ensure full and continued participation in care.<br><br>**LPAP Services:** Contractor must:<br><br>Provide pharmacy services on-site or through an established contractual relationship that meets all requirements. Alternate (off-site) approaches must be approved prior to implementation by RWGA. |

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| | Either directly, or via subcontract with an eligible 340B Pharmacy program entity, must:<br><br>Ensure a comprehensive financial intake application to determine client eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort for purchase of medications.<br><br>Ensure the documented capability of interfacing with the Texas HIV Medication Program operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This capability must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure medication assistance provided to clients does not duplicate services already being provided in the Houston area. The process for accomplishing this must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure, either directly or via a 340B Pharmacy Program Provider, at least 2 years of continuous documented experience in providing HIV medication programs utilizing Ryan White Program or similar public sector funding. This experience must be documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure all medications are purchased via a qualified participant in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and Prime Vendor Program, administered by the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs. Note: failure to maintain 340B or Prime Vendor drug pricing may result in a negative audit finding, cost disallowance or termination of contract awarded. Contractor must maintain 340B Program participation throughout the contract term. All eligible medications must be purchased in accordance with Program 340B guidelines and program requirements.<br><br>Ensure Houston area HIV service providers are informed of this program and how the client referral and enrollment processes functions. Contractor must maintain documentation of such marketing efforts.<br><br>Implement a consistent process to enroll eligible patients in available pharmaceutical company Patient Assistance Programs prior to using Ryan White Part A funded LPAP resources.<br><br>Ensure information regarding the program is provided to PLWH, including historically under-served and unserved populations (e.g., African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Pacific |

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| | Islander) and women not currently obtaining prescribed HIV and HIV-related medications.<br><br>Offer, at no charge to the client, delivery options for medication refills, including but not limited to courier, USPS or other package delivery service.<br><br>**Case Management Operations and Supervision:** The Service Linkage Workers (SLW) and Medical Case Managers (MCM) must function within the clinical infrastructure of Contractor and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds published Standards of Care. An MCM may supervise SLWs. |
| Staff Requirements: | Contractor is responsible for ensuring that services are provided by State licensed internal medicine and OB/GYN physicians, specialty care physicians, psychiatrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, vocational nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, physician extenders with a colposcopy provider qualification, x-ray technologists, State licensed dieticians, licensed social worker and ancillary health care providers in accordance with appropriate State licensing and/or certification requirements and with knowledge and experience of HIV disease. In addition, Contractor must ensure the following staff requirements are met:<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Director of the Program must be a Board Certified Psychiatrist. Licensed and/or Certified allied health professionals (Licensed Psychologists, Physicians, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, etc.) must be used in all treatment modalities. Documentation of the Director's credentials, licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal. Documentation of the Allied Health professional licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal appendices.<br><br>**Medication and Adherence Education:** The program must utilize an RN, LVN, PA, NP, pharmacist or MD licensed by the State of Texas, who has at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV care, to provide the educational services. Licensed social workers who have at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV care may also provide adherence education and counseling.<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment (primary care):** Services must be provided |

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| | by a licensed registered dietician. Dieticians must have a minimum of two (2) years of experience providing nutritional assessment and counseling to PLWH.<br><br>**Medical Case Management:** The program must utilize a state licensed Social Worker to provide Medical Case Management Services. The Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Medical Case Management FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Medical Case Manager and the individual assigned to supervise those Medical Case Managers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Service Linkage:** The program must utilize Service Linkage Workers who have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing client services to PLWH may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Service Linkage Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year paid work experience with PLWH. Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Service Linkage FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Service Linkage Worker and the individual assigned to supervise those Service Linkage Workers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Supervision of Case Managers:** The Service Linkage Workers and Medical Case Managers must function within the clinical infrastructure of Contractor and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care for Service Linkage and Medical Case Management as applicable. An MCM may supervise SLWs. |

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| Special Requirements:<br><br>**RWGA Only** | **All primary medical care services must meet or exceed current United States DHHS Treatment Guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV disease.**<br><br>Contractor must provide all required program components - Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Service Linkage (non-medical Case Management) and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services.<br><br>**Primary Medical Care Services:** Services funded under this grant cannot be used to supplant insurance or Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements for such services. Clients eligible for such reimbursement may not be billed to this contract. Medicare and private insurance co-payments may be eligible for reimbursement under Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance (HINS) program guidelines. Patients needing such assistance should be referred to the local Ryan White-funded HINS provider for assistance. Under no circumstances may the Contractor bill the County for the difference between the reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare or Third Party insurance and the fee schedule under the contract. Furthermore, potential clients who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible or have other Third Party payers may not be denied services or referred elsewhere by the Contractor based on their reimbursement status (i.e. Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may not be referred elsewhere in order that non-Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may be added to the contract). Failure to serve Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients based on their reimbursement status will be grounds for the immediate termination of contract.<br><br>**Diagnostic Procedures:** A single Diagnostic Procedure limited to procedures on the approved list of diagnostic procedures (see below) without prior County approval. Approved diagnostic procedures will be reimbursed at invoice cost. Part A and Part A/MAI-funded programs must refer to the RWGA website for the most current list of approved diagnostic procedures and corresponding codes: www.HCPH.org/rwga. **Diagnostic procedures not listed on the website must have prior approval by RWGA.**<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Client must not be eligible for services from other programs/providers or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) unless the client is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, clients may be provided services, as |

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| | long as the client applies for the other programs/providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services. Program must be supervised by a Psychiatrist and include diagnostic assessments, emergency evaluations and psycho-pharmacotherapy.<br><br>**Maintaining Referral Relationships** (Point of Entry Agreements): Contractor must maintain appropriate relationships with entities that constitute key points of access to the health care system for individuals with HIV, including but not limited to, Harris Health System and other Houston EMA-located emergency rooms, Harris County Jail, Texas Department of Criminal Justice incarceration facilities, Immigration detention centers, substance abuse treatment and detoxification programs, adult and juvenile detention facilities, Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC), HIV counseling and testing sites, mental health programs and homeless shelters. These referral relationships must be documented with written collaborative agreements, contracts or memoranda of understanding between Contractor and appropriate point of entry entities and are subject to audit by RWGA. Contractor and POE entity staff must regularly (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly depending on volume of referrals) meet 1:1 to discuss new referrals to primary medical care services. Such case conferences must be documented in the client record and properly entered into the CPCDMS.<br><br>Use of CPCDMS Data System: Contractor must comply with CPCDMS business rules and procedures. Contractor must enter into the CPCDMS all required clinical data, including but not limited to, HAART treatment including all changes in medication regimens, Opportunistic Infections, screening and treatment for STDs and Hepatitis A, B, C and other clinical screening and treatment data required by HRSA, TDSHS and the County. Contractor must perform Registration updates in accordance with RWGA CPCDMS business rules for all clients wherein Contractor is client's CPCDMS record-owning agency. Contractor must utilize an electronic verification system to verify insurance/3rd party payer status monthly or per visit (whichever is less frequent).<br><br>**Bus Pass Distribution:** The County will provide Contractor with METRO bus pass vouchers. Bus Pass vouchers must be distributed in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Contractor may only issue |

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| | METRO bus pass vouchers to clients wherein the Contractor is the CPCDMS record owning Contractor. METRO bus pass vouchers shall be distributed as follows:<br><br>**Expiration of Current Bus Pass:** In those situation wherein the bus pass expiration date does not coincide with the CPCDMS registration update the Contractor must distribute METRO bus pass vouchers to eligible clients upon the expiration of the current bus pass or when a Value-based bus card has been expended on eligible transportation needs. Contractor may issue METRO bus passes to eligible clients living outside the METRO service area in those situations where the Contractor has documented in the client record that the client will utilize the METRO system to access needed HIV-related health care services located in the METRO service area.<br><br>**Gas Cards:** Primary Medical Care Contractors must distribute gasoline vouchers to eligible clients residing in the rural service area in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Gas Cards are only available to Rural primary medical care Contractors without prior approval by RWGA. |

# *FY 2024 RWPC "How to Best Meet the Need" Decision Process*

| Step in Process: **Council** | | Date: **06/08/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Approved: Y:_____ No: _____<br>Approved With Changes:_____ | If approved with changes list changes below: |
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| Step in Process: **Steering Committee** | | Date: **06/01/2023** |
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| Step in Process: **Quality Improvement Committee** | | Date: **05/09/2023** |
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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #1** | | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: PriCare=300%, EFA=500%, MCM/SLW/ Outreach=none, LPAP=500% | |
| 1. 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. | | |
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| FY 2023 Houston EMA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Comprehensive Outpatient Primary Medical Care including Medical Case Management, Service Linkage and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) Services - Rural**<br>(Revision Date: 7/26/2022) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | 1. Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care<br>2. Medical Case Management<br>3. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)<br>4. Case Management (non-Medical)<br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance (Pharmacy Assistance) |
| Local Service Category Title: | Adult Comprehensive Primary Medical Care - Targeted to Rural |
| Amount Available:<br>**RWGA Only** | Total estimated available funding: $0.00 (to be determined)<br>1. Primary Medical Care: $0.00<br>2. LPAP $0.00<br>3. Medical Case Management: $0.00<br>4. Service Linkage: $0.00<br>5. Emergency Financial Assistance: $0.00<br>Note: The Houston Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) determines overall annual Part A and MAI service category allocations & reallocations. RWGA has sole authority over contract award amounts. |
| Target Population: | Comprehensive Primary Medical Care – Targeted to Rural |
| Client Eligibility:<br>Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Residence, etc. | PLWHA residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA counties **other than Harris County** (prior approval required for non-EMA clients). Contractor must adhere to Targeting requirements and Budget limitations as applicable. |
| Financial Eligibility: | *See Approved Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA* |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | Hybrid Fee for Service |
| Budget Requirement or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Primary Medical Care:**<br>No less than 75% of clients served in a Targeted subcategory must be members of the targeted population with the following exceptions:<br>10% of funds designated to primary medical care must be reserved for invoicing diagnostic procedures at actual cost.<br>Subrecipients may not exceed the allocation for each individual service component (Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Local Pharmacy Assistance Program and Service Linkage) without prior approval from RWGA.<br>**Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP):**<br>Houston RWPC guidelines for Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services: Subrecipient shall offer HIV |

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| | medications from an approved formulary for a total not to exceed $18,000 per contract year per client. Subrecipient shall offer HIV-related medications for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client. These guidelines are determined by the RWPC. The RWPC determines the subcategories that shall include Ryan White LPAP funding.<br>Medications must be provided in accordance with Houston EMA guidelines, HRSA/HAB rules and regulations and applicable Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B guidelines.<br>At least 75% of the total amount of the budget for LPAP services must be solely allocated to the actual cost of medications and may not include any storage, administrative, processing or other costs associated with managing the medication inventory or distribution.<br>**EFA-Pharmacy Assistance:** Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency financial assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of RWHAP funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, uses, and periods of time. Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client should not be funded through emergency financial assistance. |
| Service Unit Definition/s: | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care:** One (1) unit of service = One (1) primary care office/clinic visit or telehealth which includes the following:<br>• Primary care physician/nurse practitioner, physician's assistant or clinical nurse specialist examination of the patient, and<br>• Medication/treatment education<br>• Medication access/linkage<br>• OB/GYN specialty procedures (as clinically indicated)<br>• Nutritional assessment (as clinically indicated)<br>• Laboratory (as clinically indicated, not including specialized tests)<br>• Radiology (as clinically indicated, not including CAT scan or MRI)<br>• Eligibility verification/screening (as necessary)<br>• Follow-up visits wherein the patient is not seen by the MD/NP/PA are considered to be a component of the original primary care visit. |

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| | **Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** 1 unit of service = A single (1) office/clinic visit or telehealth wherein the patient is seen by a State licensed and board-eligible Psychiatrist or qualified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. This visit may or may not occur on the same date as a primary care office visit.<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment and Plan:** 1 unit of service = A single comprehensive nutritional assessment and treatment plan performed by a Licensed, Registered Dietician initiated upon a physician's order. Does not include the provision of Supplements or other products (clients may be referred to the Ryan White funded Medical Nutritional Therapy provider for provision of medically necessary supplements). The nutritional assessment visit may or may not occur on the same date as a medical office visit.<br><br>**AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local):** A unit of service = a transaction involving the filling of a prescription or any other allowable medication need ordered by a qualified medical practitioner. The transaction will involve at least one item being provided for the client, but can be any multiple. The cost of medications provided to the client must be invoiced at actual cost.<br><br>**Medical Case Management:** 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct medical case management services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified medical case manager.<br><br>**Service Linkage (non-Medical Case Management):** 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct service linkage services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified service linkage worker. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care** is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). Primary medical care for the treatment of HIV |

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| | infection includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies.<br><br>**AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)** includes local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by Part A or Part B Grantees to provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients. This assistance can be funded with Part A grant funds and/or Part B base award funds. Local pharmacy assistance programs are not funded with ADAP earmark funding.<br><br>**Medical Case Management** services (including treatment adherence) are a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of medical case management. These services ensure timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care, through ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems. Medical case management includes the provision of treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV/AIDS treatments. Key activities include (1) initial assessment of service needs; (2) development of a comprehensive, individualized service plan; (3) coordination of services required to implement the plan; (4) client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; and (5) periodic re-evaluation and adaptation of the plan as necessary over the life of the client. It includes client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. This includes all types of case management including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication.<br><br>**Case Management (non-Medical)** includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-medical case management does not involve coordination and follow-up of medical treatments, as medical case management does.<br><br>**Emergency Financial Assistance** provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. |

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| | Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program. |
| Standards of Care: | Subrecipients must adhere to the most current published Part A/B Standards of Care for the Houston EMA/HSDA. **Services must meet or exceed applicable United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines for the Treatment of HIV/AIDS.** |
| Local Service Category Definition/Services to be Provided: | **Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care:** Services include on-site physician, physician extender, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication education, and patient care coordination. The Subrecipient must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral to appropriate medical provider upon primary care Physician's order).<br>Services provided to women shall further include OB/GYN physician & physician extender services on-site or by referral, OB/GYN services, colposcopy, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication/women's health education, patient care coordination, and social services. The Subrecipient must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral protocols to appropriate agencies upon primary care Physician's order).<br>**Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care must provide:**<br>• Continuity of care for all stages of adult HIV infection;<br>• Laboratory and pharmacy services including intravenous medications (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Outpatient psychiatric care, including lab work necessary for the prescribing of psychiatric medications when appropriate (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to the Texas ADAP program (either on-site or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to compassionate use HIV medication programs (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Access to HIV related research protocols (either directly or through established referral systems);<br>• Must at a minimum, comply with Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards for HIV Primary Medical Care. The Subrecipient must demonstrate on an ongoing basis the ability to provide state-of-the-art HIV-related primary care |

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| | medicine in accordance with the most recent DHHS HIV treatment guidelines. Rapid advances in HIV treatment protocols require that the Subrecipient provide services that to the greatest extent possible maximize a patient's opportunity for long-term survival and maintenance of the highest quality of life possible.<br>• On-site Outpatient Psychiatry services.<br>• On-site Medical Case Management services.<br>• On-site Medication Education.<br>• Physical therapy services (either on-site or via referral).<br>• Specialty Clinic Referrals (either on-site or via referral).<br>• On-site pelvic exams as needed for female patients with appropriate follow-up treatment and referral.<br>• On site Nutritional Counseling by a Licensed Dietitian.<br><br>**Services for women must also provide:**<br>• Well woman care, including but not limited to: PAP, pelvic exam, HPV screening, breast examination, mammography, hormone replacement and education, pregnancy testing, contraceptive services excluding birth control medications.<br>• Obstetric Care: ante-partum through post-partum services, child birth/delivery services. Perinatal preventative education and treatment.<br>• On-site or by referral Colposcopy exams as needed, performed by an OB/GYN physician, or physician extender with a colposcopy provider qualification.<br>• Social services, including but not limited to, providing women access to child care, transportation vouchers, food vouchers and support groups at the clinic site;<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment:** Services include provision of information about therapeutic nutritional/supplemental foods that are beneficial to the wellness and increased health conditions of clients by a Licensed Dietitian. Services may be provided either through educational or counseling sessions. Clients who receive these services may utilize the Ryan White Part A-funded nutritional supplement provider to obtain recommended nutritional supplements in accordance with program rules. Clients are limited to one (1) nutritional assessment per calendar year without prior approval of RWGA.<br>Patient Medication Education Services must adhere to the following requirements:<br>• Medication Educators must be State Licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant PA), Nurse (RN, LVN) or Pharmacist. Prior approval must |

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| | be obtained prior to utilizing any other health care professional not listed above to provide medication education.<br>• Clients who will be prescribed ongoing medical regimens (i.e. ART) must be assessed for adherence to treatment at every clinical encounter using the EMA's approved adherence assessment tool. Clients with adherence issues related to lack of understanding must receive more education regarding their medical regimen. Clients with adherence issues that are behavioral or involve mental health issues must be provided counseling by the Medical Case Manager, Physician or Physician Extender and/or licensed nursing staff and, if clinically indicated, assessment and treatment by a qualified Psychiatrist or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.<br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:**<br>The program must provide:<br>• Diagnostic Assessments: comprehensive evaluation for identification of psychiatric disorders, mental status evaluation, differential diagnosis which may involve use of other clinical and laboratory tests, case formulation, and treatment plans or disposition.<br>• Emergency Psychiatric Services: rapid evaluation, differential diagnosis, acute treatment, crisis intervention, and referral. Must be available on a 24 hour basis including emergency room referral.<br>• Brief Psychotherapy: individual, supportive, group, couple, family, hypnosis, biofeedback, and other psychophysiological treatments and behavior modification.<br>• Psychopharmacotherapy: evaluation and medication treatment of psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, anxiety disorders, major depression, pain syndromes, habit control problems, psychosis and organic mental disorders.<br>• Rehabilitation Services: Physical, psychosocial, behavioral, and/or cognitive training.<br><br>Screening for Eye Disorders: Subrecipient must ensure that patients receive appropriate screening and treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, and other related problems.<br>**Local Medication Assistance Program (LPAP):** LPAP provides pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. Allowable medications are only those on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Eligible clients may be provided Fuzeon™ on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of |

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| | Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA). The cost of Fuzeon™ does not count against a client's annual maximum. HIV-related medication services are the provision of physician or physician-extender prescribed HIV-related medications to prevent serious deterioration of health. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge (such as birth control and TB medications) or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription.<br>Subrecipient must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary, for a total not to exceed $18,000.00 per contract year per client. Subrecipient must provide allowable HIV-related medications (i.e. non-HIV medications) for a total not to exceed $3,000 per contract year per client.<br>**Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance:** provides limited one-time and/or short-term 30-day supply of pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. One refill for up to 30-day supply available with RWGA prior approval. Allowable medications are only those HIV medications on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription. Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary.<br>**Medical Case Management Services:** Services include screening all primary medical care patients to determine each patient's level of need for Medical Case Management services, performing a comprehensive assessment, including an assessment of the patient's health literary, and developing a medical service plan for each client that demonstrates a documented need for such services, monitoring medical service plan to ensure its implementation, and educating client regarding wellness, medication and health care appointment adherence. The Medical Case Manager serves as an advocate for the client and as a liaison with medical providers on behalf of the client. The Medical Case Manager ensures linkage to mental health, substance abuse and other client services as indicated by the medical service plan.<br>**Service Linkage:** The purpose of Service Linkage is to assist clients with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. Service Linkage is a working agreement between a client and a Service Linkage Worker for an indeterminate period, based on client need, during which |

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| | information, referrals and service linkage are provided on an as-needed basis. Service Linkage assists clients who do not require the intensity of Medical Case Management per RWGA Quality Management guidelines. Service Linkage is both office-based and field based. Service Linkage Workers are expected to coordinate activities with referral sources where newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWHA may be identified, including 1:1 case conferences with testing site personnel to ensure the successful transition of referrals into Primary Care Services. Such incoming referral coordination includes meeting prospective clients at the referring Provider location in order to develop rapport with individuals prior to the individual's initial Primary Care appointment and ensuring such new intakes to Primary Care services have sufficient support to make the often difficult transition into ongoing primary medical care. Service Linkage also includes follow-up to re-engage lost-to-care patients. Lost-to-care patients are those patients who have not returned for scheduled appointments with Provider nor have provided Provider with updated information about their current Primary Medical Care provider (in the situation where patient may have obtained alternate service from another medical provider). Subrecipient must document efforts to re-engage lost-to-care patients prior to closing patients in the CPCDMS. Service Linkage extends the capability of existing programs by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWHA who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. Service Linkage includes the issuance of bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published RWGA guidelines. Service Linkage complements and extends the service delivery capability of Medical Case Management services. |
| Agency Requirements: | **Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified.**<br><br>**Eligibility and Benefits Coordination:** Subrecipient must implement consumer-friendly, culturally and linguistically appropriate new and ongoing patient eligibility verification and benefit coordination processes that ensure accountability with Ryan White Payer of Last Resort requirements while achieving maximum utilization of eligible benefits. Eligibility processes should provide clients with a meaningful understanding of their benefits, expected out-of-pocket expenses and other information needed to ensure full and continued participation in care.<br><br>**LPAP and EFA Services:** Subrecipient must: |

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| | Provide pharmacy services on-site or through an established contractual relationship that meets all requirements. Alternate (off-site) approaches must be approved prior to implementation by RWGA.<br><br>Either directly, or via subcontract with an eligible 340B Pharmacy program entity, must:<br><br>Ensure a comprehensive financial intake application to determine client eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort for purchase of medications.<br><br>Ensure the documented capability of interfacing with the Texas HIV Medication Program operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This capability must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure medication assistance provided to clients does not duplicate services already being provided in the Houston area. The process for accomplishing this must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure, either directly or via a 340B Pharmacy Program Provider, at least 2 years of continuous documented experience in providing HIV/AIDS medication programs utilizing Ryan White Program or similar public sector funding. This experience must be documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.<br><br>Ensure all medications are purchased via a qualified participant in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and Prime Vendor Program, administered by the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs. Note: failure to maintain 340B or Prime Vendor drug pricing may result in a negative audit finding, cost disallowance or termination of contract awarded. Subrecipient must maintain 340B Program participation throughout the contract term. All eligible medications must be purchased in accordance with Program 340B guidelines and program requirements.<br><br>Ensure Houston area HIV/AIDS service providers are informed of this program and how the client referral and enrollment processes functions. Subrecipient must maintain documentation of such marketing efforts. |

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| | Implement a consistent process to enroll eligible patients in available pharmaceutical company Patient Assistance Programs prior to using Ryan White Part A funded LPAP resources.<br><br>Ensure information regarding the program is provided to PLWHA, including historically under-served and unserved populations (e.g., African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander) and women not currently obtaining prescribed HIV and HIV-related medications.<br><br>Offer, at no charge to the client, delivery options for medication refills, including but not limited to courier, USPS or other package delivery service.<br><br>**Case Management Operations and Supervision:** The Service Linkage Workers (SLW) and Medical Case Managers (MCM) must function within the clinical infrastructure of Subrecipient and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds published Standards of Care. An MCM may supervise SLWs. |
| Staff Requirements: | Subrecipient is responsible for ensuring that services are provided by State licensed internal medicine and OB/GYN physicians, specialty care physicians, psychiatrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, vocational nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, physician extenders with a colposcopy provider qualification, x-ray technologists, State licensed dieticians, licensed social worker and ancillary health care providers in accordance with appropriate State licensing and/or certification requirements and with knowledge and experience of HIV disease. In addition, Subrecipient must ensure the following staff requirements are met:<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Director of the Program must be a Board-Certified Psychiatrist. Licensed and/or Certified allied health professionals (Licensed Psychologists, Physicians, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Master Social Workers, Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, etc.) must be used in all treatment modalities. Documentation of the Director's credentials, licensures and certifications must be available upon request. Documentation of the Allied Health professional licensures and certifications must be included in the personnel file. |

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| | **Medication and Adherence Education:** The program must utilize an RN, LVN, PA, NP, pharmacist or MD licensed by the State of Texas, who has at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV/AIDS care, to provide the educational services. Licensed social workers who have at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV/AIDS care may also provide adherence education and counseling.<br><br>**Nutritional Assessment (primary care):** Services must be provided by a licensed registered dietician. Dieticians must have a minimum of two (2) years of experience providing nutritional assessment and counseling to PLWHA.<br><br>**Medical Case Management:** The program must utilize a state licensed Social Worker to provide Medical Case Management Services. The Subrecipient must maintain the assigned number of Medical Case Management FTEs throughout the contract term. **Subrecipient must provide to RWGA the names of each Medical Case Manager and the individual assigned to supervise those Medical Case Managers by 03/31/22, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Service Linkage:** The program must utilize Service Linkage Workers who have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing client services to PLWHA may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Service Linkage Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year paid work experience with PLWHA. Subrecipient must maintain the assigned number of Service Linkage FTEs throughout the contract term. **Subrecipient must provide to RWGA the names of each Service Linkage Worker and the individual assigned to supervise those Service Linkage Workers by 03/31/22, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**<br><br>**Supervision of Case Managers:** The Service Linkage Workers and Medical Case Managers must function within the clinical infrastructure of Subrecipient and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care |

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| | for Service Linkage and Medical Case Management as applicable. A MCM may supervise SLWs. |
| Special Requirements: **RWGA Only** | **All primary medical care services must meet or exceed current United States DHHS Treatment Guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV disease.**<br><br>Subrecipient must provide all required program components - Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Service Linkage (non-medical Case Management) and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services.<br><br>**Primary Medical Care Services:** Services funded under this grant cannot be used to supplant insurance or Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements for such services. Clients eligible for such reimbursement may not be billed to this contract. Medicare and private insurance co-payments may be eligible for reimbursement under Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance (HINS) program guidelines. Patients needing such assistance should be referred to the local Ryan White-funded HINS provider for assistance. Under no circumstances may the Subrecipient bill the County for the difference between the reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare or Third-Party insurance and the fee schedule under the contract. Furthermore, potential clients who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible or have other Third Party payers may not be denied services or referred elsewhere by the Subrecipient based on their reimbursement status (i.e. Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may not be referred elsewhere in order that non-Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may be added to the contract). Failure to serve Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients based on their reimbursement status will be grounds for the immediate termination of contract.<br><br>**For primary medical care services targeted to the Latino community at least 50% of the clinical care team must be fluent in Spanish.**<br><br>**Diagnostic Procedures:** A single Diagnostic Procedure limited to procedures on the approved list of diagnostic procedures (see below) without prior County approval. Approved diagnostic procedures will be reimbursed at invoice cost. Part A and Part A/MAI-funded programs must refer to the RWGA website for the most current list of approved diagnostic procedures and corresponding codes: |

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| | www.hcphtx.org/rwga. **Diagnostic procedures not listed on the website must have prior approval by RWGA.**<br><br>**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:** Client must not be eligible for services from other programs/providers or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) unless the client is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, clients may be provided services, as long as the client applies for the other programs/providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services. Program must be supervised by a Psychiatrist and include diagnostic assessments, emergency evaluations and psycho-pharmacotherapy.<br><br>**Maintaining Referral Relationships** (Point of Entry Agreements): Subrecipient must maintain appropriate relationships with entities that constitute key points of access to the health care system for individuals with HIV disease, including but not limited to, Harris Health System and other Houston EMA-located emergency rooms, Harris County Jail, Texas Department of Criminal Justice incarceration facilities, Immigration detention centers, substance abuse treatment and detoxification programs, adult and juvenile detention facilities, Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC), HIV disease counseling and testing sites, mental health programs and homeless shelters. These referral relationships must be documented with written collaborative agreements, contracts or memoranda of understanding between Subrecipient and appropriate point of entry entities and are subject to audit by RWGA. Subrecipient and POE entity staff must regularly (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly depending on volume of referrals) meet 1:1 to discuss new referrals to primary medical care services. Such case conferences must be documented in the client record and properly entered into the CPCDMS.<br><br>Use of CPCDMS Data System: Subrecipient must comply with CPCDMS business rules and procedures. Subrecipient must enter into the CPCDMS all required clinical data, including but not limited to, HAART treatment including all changes in medication regimens, Opportunistic Infections, screening and treatment for STDs and Hepatitis A, B, C and other clinical screening and treatment data required by HRSA, TDSHS and the County. Subrecipient must perform Registration updates in accordance with RWGA CPCDMS business rules for all clients wherein Subrecipient is client's CPCDMS record-owning agency. Subrecipient must utilize an |

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| | electronic verification system to verify insurance/3rd party payer status monthly or per visit (whichever is less frequent).<br><br>**Bus Pass Distribution:** The County will provide Subrecipient with METRO bus pass vouchers. Bus Pass vouchers must be distributed in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Subrecipient may only issue METRO bus pass vouchers to clients wherein the Subrecipient is the CPCDMS record owning Subrecipient. METRO bus pass vouchers shall be distributed as follows:<br><br>**Expiration of Current Bus Pass:** In those situation wherein the bus pass expiration date does not coincide with the CPCDMS registration update the Subrecipient must distribute METRO bus pass vouchers to eligible clients upon the expiration of the current bus pass or when a Value-based bus card has been expended on eligible transportation needs. Subrecipient may issue METRO bus passes to eligible clients living outside the METRO service area in those situations where the Subrecipient has documented in the client record that the client will utilize the METRO system to access needed HIV-related health care services located in the METRO service area.<br><br>**Gas Cards:** Primary Medical Care Subrecipients must distribute gasoline vouchers to eligible clients residing in the rural service area in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Gas Cards are only available to Rural primary medical care Subrecipients without prior approval by RWGA. |

# *FY 2024 RWPC "How to Best Meet the Need" Decision Process*

| Step in Process: **Council** | | Date: **06/08/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Approved: Y:_____ No: _____<br>Approved With Changes:_____ | If approved with changes list changes below: |
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| Step in Process: **Quality Improvement Committee** | | Date: **05/09/2023** |
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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #1** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: PriCare=300%, EFA=500%, MCM/SLW/ Outreach=none, LPAP=500% |
| 1. 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. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Clinical Case Management**<br>(Last Review/Approval Date: November 2021) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Medical Case Management** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Clinical Case Management (CCM)** |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Unit Cost** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | Not applicable. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Medical Case Management services (including treatment adherence)*** are a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of medical case management. These services ensure timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care, through ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems. Medical case management includes the provision of treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV treatments. Key activities include (1) initial assessment of service needs; (2) development of a comprehensive, individualized service plan; (3) coordination of services required to implement the plan; (4) client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; and (5) periodic re-evaluation and adaptation of the plan as necessary over the life of the client. It includes client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. This includes all types of case management including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **Clinical Case Management**: Identifying and screening clients who are accessing HIV-related services from a clinical delivery system that provides Mental Health treatment/counseling and/or Substance Abuse treatment services; assessing each client's medical and psychosocial history and current service needs; developing and regularly updating a clinical service plan based upon the client's needs and choices; implementing the plan in a timely manner; providing information, referrals and assistance with linkage to medical and psychosocial services as needed; monitoring the efficacy and quality of services through periodic reevaluation; advocating on behalf of clients to decrease service gaps and remove barriers to services helping clients develop and utilize independent living skills and strategies. Assist clients in obtaining needed resources, including bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published HCPH/RWGA policies. |

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| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | Services will be available to eligible clients with HIV residing in the Houston EMA with priority given to clients most in need. All clients who receive services will be served without regard to age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicap. Services will target low income individuals with HIV who demonstrate multiple medical, mental health, substance use/abuse and psychosocial needs including, but not limited to: mental health counseling (i.e. professional counseling), substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, specialized care, alternative treatment, medications, placement in a medical facility, emotional support, basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, transportation, legal services and vocational services. Services will also target clients who cannot function in the community due to barriers which include, but are not limited to, mental illness and psychiatric disorders, drug addiction and substance abuse, extreme lack of knowledge regarding available services, inability to maintain financial independence, inability to complete necessary forms, inability to arrange and complete entitlement and medical appointments, homelessness, deteriorating medical condition, illiteracy, language/cultural barriers and/or the absence of speech, sight, hearing, or mobility.<br><br>*Clinical Case Management* is intended to serve eligible clients, especially those underserved or unserved population groups which include: African American, Hispanic/Latino, Women and Children, Veteran, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Substance Abusers, Homeless and Gay/Lesbian/Transsexual. |
| Services to be Provided: | Provision of Clinical Case Management activities performed by the Clinical Case Manager.<br><br>*Clinical Case Management* is a working agreement between a client and a Clinical Case Manager for a defined period of time based on the client's assessed needs. *Clinical Case Management* services include performing a comprehensive assessment and developing a clinical service plan for each client; monitoring plan to ensure its implementation; and educating client regarding wellness, medication and health care compliance in order to maximize benefit of mental health and/or substance abuse treatment services. The *Clinical Case Manager* serves as an advocate for the client and as a liaison with mental health, substance abuse and medical treatment providers on behalf of the client. The Clinical Case Manager ensures linkage to mental health, substance abuse, primary medical care and other client services as indicated by the clinical service plan. The Clinical Case Manager will perform *Mental Health* and *Substance Abuse/Use Assessments* in accordance with RWGA Quality Management guidelines. Service plan must reflect an ongoing discussion of mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment, primary medical care and medication adherence, per |

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| | client need. *Clinical Case Management is* both office and community-based. Clinical Case Managers will interface with the primary medical care delivery system as necessary to ensure services are integrated with, and complimentary to, a client's medical treatment plan. |
| Service Unit Definition(s): **RWGA Only** | One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct client services and allowable charges. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | Individuals with HIV residing in the Houston EMA. |
| Agency Requirements: | *Clinical Case Management* services will comply with the HCPHES/RWGA published Clinical Case Management Standards of Care and policies and procedures as published and/or revised, including linkage to the CPCDMS data system<br><br>*Clinical Case Management Services* must be provided by an agency with a documented history of, and current capacity for, providing mental health counseling services (categories b., c. and d. as listed under *Amount Available* above) or substance abuse treatment services to PLWH/A (category a. under *Amount Available* above) in the Houston EMA. Specifically, an applicant for this service category must clearly demonstrate it has provided mental health treatment services (e.g. professional counseling) or substance abuse treatment services (as applicable to the specific CCM category being applied for) in the previous calendar or grant year to individuals with an HIV diagnosis. Acceptable documentation for such treatment activities includes standardized reporting documentation from the County's *CPCDMS* or Texas Department of State Health Services' *TCT* data systems, Ryan White Services Report (RSR), SAMSHA or TDSHS/SAS program reports or other verifiable published data. Data submitted to meet this requirement is subject to audit by HCPHES/RWGA prior to an award being recommended. **Agency-generated non-verifiable data is not acceptable.** In addition, applicant agency must demonstrate it has the capability to continue providing mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment services for the duration of the contract term and any subsequent one-year contract renewals. Acceptable documentation of such continuing capability includes current funding from Ryan White (all Parts), TDSHS HIV-related funding (Ryan White, State Services, State-funded Substance Abuse Services), SAMSHA and other ongoing federal, state and/or public or private foundation HIV-related funding for mental health treatment and/or substance abuse treatment services. Proof of such funding must be documented in the application and is subject to independent verification by HCPHES/RWGA prior to an award being recommended. |

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| | Loss of funding and corresponding loss of capacity to provide mental health counseling or substance abuse treatment services as applicable may result in the termination of Clinical Case Management Services awarded under this service category. Continuing eligibility for Clinical Case Management Services funding is explicitly contingent on applicant agency maintaining verifiable capacity to provide mental health counseling or substance abuse treatment services as applicable to persons with HIV during the contract term.<br><br>**Applicant agency must be Medicaid and Medicare Certified**. |
| Staff Requirements: | Clinical Case Managers must spend at least 42% (867 hours per FTE) of their time providing direct case management services. Direct case management services include any activities with a client (face-to-face or by telephone), communication with other service providers or significant others to access client services, monitoring client care, and accompanying clients to services. Indirect activities include travel to and from a client's residence or agency, staff meetings, supervision, community education, documentation, and computer input. Direct case management activities must be documented in the Centralized Patient Care Data Management System (CPCDMS) according to CPCDMS business rules.<br><br>*Must comply with applicable HCPHES/RWGA Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Ryan White Standards of Care:*<br><br>Minimum Qualifications:<br>**Clinical Case Managers** must have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. All clinical case managers must have a current and in good standing State of Texas license (LCSW, LPC, LPC-I, LMFT, LMFT-A). Staff providing Clinical Case Management services with LBSW or LMSW licensure must have accompanying LCDC, CI, Substance Abuse Counselor, or Addictions Counselor certification. The Clinical Case Manager may supervise the Service Linkage Worker. CCM targeting Hispanic persons with HIV must demonstrate both written and verbal fluency in Spanish.<br>Supervision:<br>The **Clinical Case Manager** (CCM) must function with the clinical infrastructure of the applicant agency and receive supervision in accordance with the CCM's licensure requirements. At a minimum, the CCM must receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds HCPHES/RWGA published Ryan White Part A/B Standards of Care for Clinical Case Management. If applicant agency also has Service Linkage Workers funded under Ryan White Part A the CCM may supervise the Service Linkage Worker(s). Supervision provided by a CCM that is not client specific is considered **indirect time** and is not billable. |

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| Special Requirements:<br>**RWGA Only** | Contractor must employ full-time Clinical Case Managers. Prior approval must be obtained from RWGA to split full-time equivalent (FTE) CCM positions among other contracts or to employ part-time staff. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Clinical Case Manager and the program supervisor no later than March 30th of each grant year. Contractor must inform RWGA in writing of any changes in personnel assigned to contract within seven (7) business days of change.**<br><br>Contractor must comply with CPCDMS data system business rules and procedures.<br><br>Contractor must perform CPCDMS new client registrations and registration updates for clients needing ongoing case management services as well as those clients who may only need to establish system of care eligibility. Contractor must issue bus pass vouchers in accordance with HCPHES/RWGA policies and procedures. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #1** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: None |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| FY 2015 Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A Service Definition<br>**Service Linkage at Testing Sites**<br>(Revision Date: 03/03/14) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Non-medical Case Management** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **A. Service Linkage targeted to Not-In-Care and Newly-Diagnosed PLWH in the Houston EMA/HDSA**<br><br>**Not-In-Care PLWH** are individuals who know their HIV status but have not been actively engaged in outpatient primary medical care services for more than six (6) months.<br><br>**Newly-Diagnosed** PLWH are individuals who have learned their HIV status within the previous six months and are not currently receiving outpatient primary medical care or case management services as documented in the CPCDMS data system.<br><br>**B. *Youth targeted Service Linkage, Care and Prevention:*** Service Linkage Services targeted to Youth (13 – 24 years of age), including a focus on not-in-care and newly-diagnosed Youth in the Houston EMA.<br><br>*Not-In-Care PLWH are Youth who know their HIV status but have not been actively engaged in outpatient primary medical care services in the previous six (6) months.<br>*Newly-Diagnosed Youth are Youth who have learned their HIV status within the previous six months and are not currently receiving outpatient primary medical care or case management services as documented in the CPCDMS data system. |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | Fee-for-Service |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | Early intervention services, including HIV testing and Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services (CRCS) must be supported via alternative funding (e.g. TDSHS, CDC) and may not be charged to this contract. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Case Management (non-Medical)*** includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-medical case management does not involve coordination and follow-up of medical treatments, as medical case management does. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **A. *Service Linkage:*** Providing allowable Ryan White Program outreach and service linkage activities to newly-diagnosed and/or ***Not-In-Care*** PLWH who know their status but are not currently enrolled in outpatient primary medical care with information, referrals and assistance with linkage to medical, mental health, substance abuse and psychosocial services as needed; advocating on behalf of clients to decrease service gaps and remove barriers to services helping clients develop and utilize independent living skills |

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| | and strategies. Assist clients in obtaining needed resources, including bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published HCPH/RWGA policies.<br>**B. *Youth targeted Service Linkage, Care and Prevention:*** Providing Ryan White Program appropriate outreach and service linkage activities to newly-diagnosed and/or not-in-care HIV-positive Youth who know their status but are not currently enrolled in outpatient primary medical care with information, referrals and assistance with linkage to medical, mental health, substance abuse and psychosocial services as needed; advocating on their behalf to decrease service gaps and remove barriers to services; helping Youth develop and utilize independent living skills and strategies. Assist clients in obtaining needed resources, including bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published HCPH/RWGA policies. Provide comprehensive medical case management to HIV-positive youth identified through outreach and in-reach activities. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | **A. Service Linkage:** Services will be available to eligible persons with HV residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA with priority given to clients most in need. All clients who receive services will be served without regard to age, gender, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicap. Services will target low income individuals with HIV who demonstrate multiple medical, mental health, substance use/abuse and psychosocial needs including, but not limited to: mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, specialized care, alternative treatment, medications, placement in a medical facility, emotional support, basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, transportation, legal services and vocational services. Services will also target clients who cannot function in the community due to barriers which include, but are not limited to, mental illness and psychiatric disorders, drug addiction and substance abuse, extreme lack of knowledge regarding available services, inability to maintain financial independence, inability to complete necessary forms, inability to arrange and complete entitlement and medical appointments, homelessness, deteriorating medical condition, illiteracy, language/cultural barriers and/or the absence of speech, sight, hearing, or mobility.<br><br>**Service Linkage** is intended to serve eligible clients in the Houston EMA/HSDA, especially those underserved or unserved population groups which include: African American, Hispanic/Latino, Women and Children, Veteran, Deaf/Hard of Hearing, Substance Abusers, Homeless and Gay/Lesbian/Transsexual.<br><br>**B. *Youth targeted Service Linkage, Care and Prevention:*** Services will be available to eligible HIV-infected Youth (ages 13 – 24) residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA with priority given to clients most in need. All Youth who receive services will be served |

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| | without regard to age (i.e. limited to those who are between 13- 24 years of age), gender, race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, or handicap. Services will target low income Youth living with HIV who demonstrate multiple medical, mental health, substance use/abuse and psychosocial needs including, but not limited to: mental health counseling, substance abuse treatment, primary medical care, specialized care, alternative treatment, medications, placement in a medical facility, emotional support, basic needs for food, clothing, and shelter, transportation, legal services and vocational services. Services will also target Youth who cannot function in the community due to barriers which include, but are not limited to, mental illness and psychiatric disorders, drug addiction and substance abuse, extreme lack of knowledge regarding available services, inability to maintain financial independence, inability to complete necessary forms, inability to arrange and complete entitlement and medical appointments, homelessness, deteriorating medical condition, illiteracy, language/cultural barriers and/or the absence of speech, sight, hearing, or mobility.<br><br>***Youth Targeted Service Linkage, Care and Prevention*** is intended to serve eligible youth in the Houston EMA/HSDA, especially those underserved or unserved population groups which include: African American, Hispanic/Latino, Substance Abusers, Homeless and Gay/Lesbian/Transsexual. |
| Services to be Provided: | **Goal (A): Service Linkage:** The expectation is that a single Service Linkage Worker Full Time Equivalent (FTE) targeting Not-In-Care and/or newly-diagnosed PLWH can serve approximately 80 newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWH per year.<br><br>The purpose of **Service Linkage** is to assist clients with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. **Service Linkage** is a working agreement between a client and a Service Linkage Worker (SLW) for an indeterminate period, based on client need, during which information, referrals and service linkage are provided on an as-needed basis. The purpose of **Service Linkage** is to assist clients who do not require the intensity of *Clinical or Medical Case Management*, as determined by RWGA Quality Management guidelines. **Service Linkage** is both office- and field-based and **may include the issuance of bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published guidelines.** Service Linkage targeted to Not-In-Care and/or Newly-Diagnosed PLWH extends the capability of existing programs with a documented track record of identifying Not-In-Care and/or newly-diagnosed PLWH by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWH who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. |

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| | In order to ensure linkage to an ongoing support system, eligible clients identified funded under this contract, including clients who may obtain their medical services through non-Ryan White-funded programs, must be transferred to a Ryan White-funded Primary Medical Care, Clinical Case Management or Service Linkage program within 90 days of initiation of services as documented in both ECLIPS and CPCDMS data systems. Those clients who choose to access primary medical care from a non-Ryan White source, including private physicians, may receive ongoing service linkage services from provider or must be transferred to a Clinical (CCM) or Primary Care/Medical Case Management site per client need and the preference of the client**.**<br><br>**GOAL (B):** This effort will continue a program of ***Service Linkage, Care and Prevention to Engage HIV Seropositive Youth*** targeting youth (ages 13-24) with a focus on Youth of color. This service is designed to reach HIV seropositive youth of color not engaged in clinical care and to link them to appropriate clinical, supportive, and preventive services. The specific objectives are to: (1) conduct outreach (service linkage) to assist seropositive Youth learn their HIV status, (2) link HIV-infected Youth with primary care services, and (3) prevent transmission of HIV from targeted clients. |
| Service Unit Definition(s):<br>**RWGA Only** | One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct client services and allowable charges. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *current fiscal year (FY) Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | Not-In-Care and/or newly-diagnosed HIV-infected individuals residing in the Houston EMA. |
| Agency Requirements: | **Service Linkage** services will comply with the HCPH/RWGA published **Service Linkage** Standards of Care and policies and procedures as published and/or revised, including linkage to the CPCDMS data system.<br><br>Agency must comply with all applicable City of Houston DHHS *ECLIPS* and RWGA/HCPH *CPCDMS* business rules and policies & procedures.<br><br>**Service Linkage** targeted to Not-In-Care and/or newly diagnosed PLWH must be planned and delivered in coordination with local HIV prevention/outreach programs to avoid duplication of services and be designed with quantified program reporting that will accommodate local effectiveness evaluation. Contractor must document established linkages with agencies that serve HIV-infected clients or serve individuals who are members of high-risk population groups (e.g., men who have sex with men, injection drug users, sex-industry workers, youth who are sentenced under the juvenile justice system, inmates of state and local jails and prisons). Contractor must have |

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| | formal collaborative, referral or Point of Entry (POE) agreements with Ryan White funded HIV primary care providers. |
| Staff Requirements: | Service Linkage Workers must spend at least 42% (867 hours per FTE) of their time providing direct client services. Direct service linkage and case management services include any activities with a client (face-to-face or by telephone), communication with other service providers or significant others to access client services, monitoring client care, and accompanying clients to services. Indirect activities include travel to and from a client's residence or agency, staff meetings, supervision, community education, documentation, and computer input. Direct case management activities must be documented in the CPCDMS according to system business rules.<br><br>*Must comply with applicable HCPH/RWGA published Ryan White Part A/B Standards of Care:*<br><br>Minimum Qualifications:<br>**Service Linkage Workers** must have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing client services to PLWH/A may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Service Linkage Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year paid work experience with PLWH.<br>Supervision:<br>The Service Linkage Worker must function within the clinical infrastructure of the applicant agency and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds HCPH/RWGA published Ryan White Part A/B Standards of Care for Service Linkage. |
| Special Requirements:<br>**RWGA Only** | Contractor must be have the capability to provide Public Health Follow-Up by qualified Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) to locate, identify, inform and refer newly-diagnosed and not-in-care PLWH to outpatient primary medical care services.<br><br>Contractor must perform CPCDMS new client registrations and, for those newly-diagnosed or out-of-care clients referred to non-Ryan White primary care providers, registration updates per RWGA business rules for those needing ongoing service linkage services as well as those clients who may only need to establish system of care eligibility. This service category does not routinely distribute Bus Passes. However, if so directed by RWGA, Contractor must issue bus pass vouchers in accordance with HCPH/RWGA policies and procedures. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #1** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: None |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Local Service Category: | **Care Coordination (Non-Medical Case Management) Targeting Substance Use Disorder** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. Direct medical costs and Substance Abuse Treatment/Counseling cannot be billed under this contract. |
| DSHS Service Category Definition: | **Care Coordination** is a continuum of services that allow people living with HIV to be served in a holistic method. Services that are a part of the Care Coordination Continuum include case management, (both medical and non-medical, outreach services, referral for health care, and health education/risk reduction.<br><br>**Non-Medical Case Management (N-MCM)** model is responsive to the immediate needs of a person living with HIV (PLWH) and includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, entitlements, housing, and other needed services.<br><br>**Non-Medical Case Management Services (N-MCM)** provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. N-MCM services may also include assisting eligible persons living with HIV (PLWH) to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible, such as Medicaid, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans. This service category includes several methods of communication (e.g., face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication) as deemed appropriate by the Texas DSHS HIV Care Services Group Ryan White Part B program.<br><br>Limitation: Non-Medical Case Management services do not involve coordination and follow up of medical treatments. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | ***Non-Medical Case Management:*** The purpose of Non-Medical Case Management targeting Substance Use Disorders (SUD) is to assist PLWHs with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. N-MCM targeting SUD is intended to serve eligible people living with HIV in the Houston EMA/HSDA who are also facing the challenges of substance use disorder. Non-Medical Case Management is a working agreement between a PLWH and a Non-Medical Case Manager for an indeterminate period, based on PLWH need, during which information, referrals and Non-Medical Case Management is provided on an as- needed basis and assists PLWHs who do not require the intensity of Medical Case Management. Non-Medical Case Management is both office-based and field based. N-MCMs are expected to coordinate activities with referral sources where newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWH may be identified, including substance use disorder treatment/counseling and/or recovery support personnel. Such incoming referral coordination includes meeting prospective PLWHs at the referring provider location in order to develop rapport with and ensuring sufficient support is available. Non-Medical Case Management also includes follow-up to re-engage lost-to-care patients. Lost-to-care patients are those PLWHs who have not returned |

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| | for scheduled appointments with the provider nor have provided updated information about their current Primary Medical Care provider (in the situation where PLWH may have obtained alternate service from another medical provider). Contractor must document efforts to re-engage lost-to-care patients prior to closing patients in the CPCDMS. Non-Medical Case Management extends the capability of existing programs by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWH who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | **Non-Medical Case Management targeting SUD** is intended to serve eligible people living with HIV in the Houston EMA/HSDA, especially those underserved or unserved population groups who are also facing the challenges of substance use disorder. The target populations should also include individuals who misuse prescription medication or who use illegal substances or recreational drugs and are also:<br>– Transgender,<br>– Men who have sex with men (MSM),<br>– Women or<br>– Incarcerated/recently released from incarceration. |
| Services to be Provided: | **Goals:** The primary goal for N-MCM targeting SUD is to improve the health status of PLWHs who use substances by promoting linkages between community-based substance use disorder treatment programs, health clinics and other social service providers. N-MCM targeting SUD shall have a planned and coordinated approach to ensure that PLWHs have access to all available health and social services necessary to obtain an optimum level of functioning. N-MCM targeting SUD shall focus on behavior change, risk and harm reduction, retention in HIV care, and lowering risk of HIV transmission. The expectation is that each Non-Medical Case Management Full Time Equivalent (FTE) targeting SUD can serve approximately 80 PLWHs per year.<br><br>**Purpose:** To promote Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) disease management and recovery from substance use disorder by providing comprehensive Non-Medical Case Management and support for PWLH who are also dealing with substance use disorder and providing support to their families and significant others.<br><br>**N-MCM targeting SUD** assists PLWHs with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. **N-MCM targeting SUD** is a working agreement between a person living with HIV and a Non-Medical Case Manager (N-MCM) for an indeterminate period, based on identified need, during which information, referrals and Non-Medical Case Management is provided on an as- needed basis. The purpose of **N-MCM targeting SUD** is to assist PLWHs who do not require the intensity of *Clinical or Medical Case Management*. **N-MCM targeting SUD** is community-based (i.e. both office- and field-based). This Non-Medical Case Management targets PLWHs who are also dealing with the challenges of substance use disorder. N-MCMs also provide "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWHA who are not currently accessing primary medical care services.<br><br>Efforts may include coordination with other case management providers to ensure the specialized needs of PLWHs who are dealing with substance use disorder are thoroughly addressed. For this population, this is not a |

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| | duplication of service but rather a set of agreed upon coordinated activities that clearly delineate the unique and separate roles of N-MCMs and medical case managers who work jointly and collaboratively with the PLWH's knowledge and consent to partialize and prioritize goals in order to effectively achieve those goals.<br><br>N-MCMs should provide activities that enhance the motivation of PLWHs on N-MCM's caseload to reduce their risks of overdose and how risk-reduction activities may be impacted by substance use and sexual behaviors. N-MCMs shall use motivational interviewing techniques and the Transtheoretical Model of Change, (DiClemente and Prochaska - Stages of Change). N-MCMs should promote and encourage entry into substance use disorder services and make referrals, if appropriate, for PLWHs who are in need of formal substance use disorder treatment or other recovery support services. However, N-MCMs shall ensure that PLWHs are not required to participate in substance use disorder treatment services as a condition for receiving services.<br><br>For those PLWH in treatment, N-MCMs should address ongoing services and support for discharge, overdose prevention, and aftercare planning during and following substance use disorder treatment and medically-related hospitalizations.<br><br>N-MCMs should ensure that appropriate harm- and risk-reduction information, methods and tools are used in their work with the PLWH. Information, methods and tools shall be based on the latest scientific research and best practices related to reducing sexual risk and HIV transmission risks. Methods and tools must include, but are not limited to, a variety of effective condoms and other safer sex tools as well as substance abuse risk-reduction tools, information, discussion and referral about Pre- Exposure Prophylactics (PrEP) for PLWH's sexual or drug using partners and overdose prevention. N-MCMs should make information and materials on overdose prevention available to appropriate PLWHs as a part of harm- and risk-reduction.<br><br>Those PLWHs who choose to access primary medical care from a non-Ryan White source, including private physicians, may receive ongoing Non-Medical Case Management services from provider**.** |
| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct services or coordination of care on behalf of PLWH. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Eligibility for Services: | PLWHs dealing with challenges of substance use/abuse and dependence. Resident of the Houston HSDA. |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | These services will comply with the TRG's published **Non-Medical Case Management Targeting Substance Use Disorder** Standards of Care and policies and procedures as published and/or revised, including linkage to the CPCDMS data system as well as DSHS Universal Standards and Non-Medical Case Management Standards of Care.<br><br>**Non-Medical Case Management targeted SUD** must be planned and delivered in coordination with local HIV treatment/prevention/outreach programs to avoid duplication of services and be designed with quantified program reporting that will accommodate local effectiveness evaluation. |

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| | Subrecipients must document established linkages with agencies that serve PLWH or serve individuals who are members of high-risk population groups (e.g., men who have sex with men, injection drug users, sex-industry workers, youth who are sentenced under the juvenile justice system, inmates of state and local jails and prisons). Contractor must have formal collaborative, referral or Point of Entry (POE) agreements with Ryan White funded HIV primary care providers. |
| Staff Requirements: | Minimum Qualifications:<br>**Non-Medical Case Management Workers** must have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing services to PLWH may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Non-Medical Case Management Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year work experience with PLWHA and/or substance use disorders.<br><br>Supervision:<br>The Non-Medical Case Management Worker must function within the clinical infrastructure of the applicant agency and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds TRG's published **Non-Medical Case Management Targeting Substance Use Disorder** Standards of Care. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care. The agency must comply with **the DSHS Universal Standards and non-Medical Case Management Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service.<br><br>Contractor must be licensed in Texas to directly provide substance use treatment/counseling.<br><br>Non-medical Case Management services can be delivered via telehealth and must follow applicable federal and State of Texas privacy laws. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #2** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: None |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A Service Definition<br>**Emergency Financial Assistance – Other**<br>(Revised April 2020) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: | **Emergency Financial Assistance** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Emergency Financial Assistance - Other** |
| Service Category Code **(RWGA use only):** | |
| Amount Available **(RWGA use only):** | |
| Budget Type **(RWGA use only):** | **Hybrid** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions: | Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency financial assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of RWHAP funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, uses, and periods of time.<br>Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client must not be funded through EFA.<br>The agency must set priorities, delineate and monitor what part of the overall allocation for emergency assistance is obligated for each subcategory. Careful monitoring of expenditures within a subcategory of "emergency assistance" is necessary to assure that planned amounts for specific services are being implemented, and to determine when reallocations may be necessary.<br>At least **75%** of the total amount of the budget must be solely allocated to the actual cost of disbursements.<br>Maximum allowable unit cost for provision of food vouchers or and/or utility assistance to an eligible client = $30.00/unit |
| HRSA Service Category Definition **(do <u>not</u> change or alter):** | **Emergency Financial Assistance -** Provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **Emergency Financial Assistance** is provided with limited frequency and for a limited period of time, with specified frequency and duration of assistance. Emergent need must be documented each time funds are used. Emergency essential living needs include food, telephone, utilities (i.e. electricity, water, gas and all required fees) and housing, limited to people who are displaced from their home due to acute housing need, for eligible PLWH. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, | PLWH living within the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA). |

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| ethnicity, etc.): | |
| Services to be Provided: | **Emergency Financial Assistance** provides funding through:<br>• Short-term payments to agencies<br>• Establishment of voucher programs<br><br>Service to be provided include:<br>• Food Vouchers<br>• Utilities (gas, water, basic telephone service and electricity)<br>• Short term housing for up to 14 days<br><br>The agency must adhere to the following guidelines in providing these services:<br>• Assistance must be in the form of vouchers made payable to vendors, merchants, etc. No payments may be made directly to individual clients or family members.<br>• Limitations on the provision of emergency assistance to eligible individuals/households should be delineated and consistently applied to all clients.<br>• Allowable support services with an $800/year/client cap. |
| Service Unit Definition(s): **(HIV Services use only)** | A unit of service is defined as provision of food vouchers or and/or utility assistance to an eligible client. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | PLWHA residing in the Houston EMA (prior approval required for non-EMA clients). |
| Agency Requirements: | Agency must be dually awarded as HOWPA sub-recipient work closely with other service providers to minimize duplication of services and ensure that assistance is given only when no reasonable alternatives are available. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of EFA funding for these purposes will be the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, limited use, and limited periods of time. Additionally, agency must document ability to refer clients for food, transportation, and other needs from other service providers when client need is justified. |
| Staff Requirements: | None. |
| Special Requirements: | Agency must:<br>Comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care and Emergency Financial Assistance service category program policies. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #3** | Date: **04/20/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 400% |
| 1. Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same, with the understanding that the Quality Improvement Committee may add additional services based upon additional information, which is to be provided soon. | |
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| Local Service Category: | **Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Contractor must spend no more than 20% of funds on disbursement transactions. The remaining 80% of funds must be expended on the actual cost of the payment(s) disbursed. ADAP dispensing fees are not allowable under this service category. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance:** The Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance service category is intended to help people living with HIV (PLWH) maintain continuity of medical care without gaps in health insurance coverage or disruption of treatment. A program of financial assistance for the payment of health insurance premiums and co-pays, co-insurance and deductibles to enable eligible individuals with HIV disease to utilize their existing third party or public assistance (e.g. Medicare) medical insurance. For purposes of this service category, health insurance also includes standalone dental insurance.<br><br>Co-Payment: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured to pay a specific dollar amount for each unit of service.<br><br>Co-Insurance: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured to pay a percentage of costs for covered services/prescription<br><br>Deductible: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured pay a certain amount for health care or prescription, before the prescription drug plan or other insurance begins to pay.<br><br>Premium: The amount paid by the insured to an insurance company to obtain or maintain and insurance policy.<br><br>Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) Tax Liability: Tax liability associated with the APTC reconciliation; reimbursement cap of 50% of the tax due up to a maximum of $500. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | All Ryan White eligible PLWH with 3rd party insurance coverage (COBRA, private policies, Qualified Health Plans, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Supplemental plans) within the Houston HSDA. |
| Services to be Provided: | Contractor may provide assistance with:<br>• Insurance premiums,<br>• And deductibles, co-insurance and/or co-payments. |
| Service Unit Definition **(TRG Only)**: | A unit of service will consist of payment of health insurance premiums, co-payments, co-insurance, deductible, or a combination. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace Plans: 100-400% of federal poverty guidelines. All other insurance plans at or below 400% of federal poverty guidelines.<br><br>Exception: PLWH who were enrolled prior to November 1, 2015 will maintain their eligibility in subsequent plan years even if below 100% or between 400-500% of federal poverty guidelines. |
| Eligibility for Services: | People living with HIV in the Houston HSDA and have insurance or be eligible (within local financial eligibility guidelines) to purchase a |

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| | Qualified Health Plan through the Marketplace. |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Agency must:<br>• Provide a comprehensive financial intake/application to determine PLWH eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort in order for the PLWH to utilize his/her existing insurance or be eligible to purchase a qualified health plan through the Marketplace.<br>• PLWH will not be put on wait lists nor will Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance services be postponed or denied due to funding without notifying the Administrative Agency.<br>• Conduct marketing in-services with Houston area HIV/AIDS service providers to inform them of this program and how the PLWH referral and enrollment processes function.<br>• Establish formal written agreements with all Houston HSDA Ryan White-funded (Part A, B, C, D) primary care, mental health and substance abuse provider agencies to enable PLWH of these agencies to enroll in Health Insurance assistance at his/her primary care, mental health or substance abuse provider site. (i.e. No need for PLWH to physically present to Health Insurance provider.)<br>• Utilizes the RW Planning Council-approved prioritization of cost sharing assistance when limited funds warrant it (premiums take precedence).<br>o **Priority Ranking of Requests (in descending order)**:<br>▪ HIV medication co-pays and deductibles (medications on the Texas ADAP formulary)<br>▪ Non-HIV medication co-pays and deductibles<br>▪ Co-payments for provider visits (eg. physician visit and/or lab copayments)<br>▪ Medicare Part D (Rx) premiums<br>▪ APTC Tax Liability<br>▪ Out of Network out-of-pocket expenses<br>• Utilizes the RW Planning Council –approved consumer out-of-pocket methodology. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Must comply with the **DSHS Health Insurance Assistance Standards of Care** and the **Houston HSDA Health Insurance Assistance Standards of Care.** Must comply with updated guidance from DSHS. Must comply with the Eastern HASA Health Insurance Assistance Policy and Procedure. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #2** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 0 - 400%, ACA plans must have a subsidy |
| 1. Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same and also request that the Integrated Plan's HIV Education Council increase awareness of this service among private physicians. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Health Insurance Co-Payments and Co-Insurance Assistance**<br>(Revision Date: 5/21/15) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: | **Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Health Insurance Co-Payments and Co-Insurance** |
| Budget Type**:** | **Hybrid Fee for Service** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions: | Agency must spend no more than 20% of funds on disbursement transactions. The remaining 80% of funds must be expended on the actual cost of the payment(s) disbursed. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition**:** | ***Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance*** is the provision of financial assistance for eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes premium payments, risk pools, co-payments, and deductibles. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | A program of financial assistance for the payment of health insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, co-payments and tax liability payments associated with Advance Premium Tax Credit (APTC) reconciliation to enable eligible individuals with HIV disease to utilize their existing third party or public assistance (e.g. Medicare) medical insurance.<br><br>Co-Payment: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured to pay a specific dollar amount for each unit of service.<br><br>Co-Insurance: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured to pay a percentage of costs for covered services/prescription<br><br>Deductible: A cost-sharing requirement that requires the insured to pay a certain amount for health care or prescription, before the prescription drug plan or other insurance begins to pay.<br><br>Premium: The amount paid by the insured to an insurance company to obtain or maintain and insurance policy.<br><br>APTC Tax Liability: The difference paid on a tax return if the advance credit payments that were paid to a health care provider were more than the actual eligible credit. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | All Ryan White eligible clients with 3rd party insurance coverage (COBRA, private policies, Qualified Health Plans, CHIP, Medicaid, Medicare and Medicare Supplemental) within the Houston EMA. |
| Services to be Provided: | Provision of financial assistance with premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-payments. Also includes tax liability payments associated with APTC reconciliation up to 50% of liability with a $500 maximum. |

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| Service Unit Definition(s): **(RWGA only)** | 1 unit of service = A payment of a premium, deductible, co-insurance, co-payment or tax liability associated with APTC reconciliation for an HIV-infected person with insurance coverage. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | HIV-infected individuals residing in the Houston EMA meeting financial eligibility requirements and have insurance or be eligible to purchase a Qualified Health Plan through the Marketplace. |
| Agency Requirements: | Agency must:<br>• Provide a comprehensive financial intake/application to determine client eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort in order for the client to utilize his/her existing insurance or be eligible to purchase a qualified health plan through the Marketplace.<br>• Ensure that assistance provided to clients does not duplicate services already being provided through Ryan White Part B or State Services. The process for ensuring this requirement must be fully documented.<br>• Have mechanisms to vigorously pursue any excess premium tax credit a client receives from the IRS upon submission of the client's tax return for those clients that receive financial assistance for eligible out of pocket costs associated with the purchase and use of Qualified Health Plans obtained through the Marketplace.<br>• Conduct marketing with Houston area HIV service providers to inform such entities of this program and how the client referral and enrollment processes function. Marketing efforts must be documented and are subject to review.<br>• Clients will not be put on wait lists nor will Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance services be postponed or denied without notifying the Administrative Agency.<br>• Establish formal written agreements with all Houston HSDA Ryan White-funded (Part A, B, C, D) primary care, mental health and substance abuse provider agencies to enable clients of these agencies to enroll in Health Insurance assistance at his/her primary care, mental health or substance abuse provider site. (i.e. No need for client to physically present to Health Insurance provider.)<br>• Utilize RWGA approved prioritization of cost sharing assistance, when limited funds warrant it.<br>• Utilize consumer out-of-pocket methodology approved by RWGA. |
| Staff Requirements: | None |
| Special Requirements: | Agency must:<br>• Comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care and Health Insurance Assistance service category program policies. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #2** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 0 - 400%, ACA plans must have a subsidy |
| 1. Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same and also request that the Integrated Plan's HIV Education Council increase awareness of this service among private physicians. | |
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| Local Service Category: | **Hospice Services** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions: | Maximum 10% of budget for Administrative Cost |
| DSHS Service Category Definition: | Provision of end-of-life care provided by licensed hospice care providers to people living with HIV (PLWH) in the terminal stages of an HIV-related illness, in a home or other residential setting, including a non-acute-care section of a hospital that has been designated and staffed to provide hospice care for terminal patients.<br><br>Hospice services include, but are not limited to, the palliation and management of the terminal illness and conditions related to the terminal illness. Allowable Ryan White/State Services funded services are:<br>• Room<br>• Board<br>• Nursing care<br>• Mental health counseling, to include bereavement counseling<br>• Physician services<br>• Palliative therapeutics<br><br>Ryan White/State Service funds may not be used for funeral, burial, cremation, or related expenses. Funds may not be used for nutritional services, durable medical equipment and medical supplies or case management services. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | Hospice services encompass palliative care for terminally ill PLWH and support services for PLWH and their families. Services are provided by a licensed nurse and/or physical therapist. Additionally, unlicensed personnel may deliver services under the delegation of a licensed nurse or physical therapist, to a PLWH or a PLWH's family as part of a coordinated program. A physician must certify that a patient is terminal, defined under Medicaid hospice regulations as having a life expectancy of 6 months or less.<br><br>Services must include but are not limited to medical and nursing care, palliative care, and psychosocial support for the patient, as well as a mechanism for bereavement referral for surviving family members. Counseling services provided in the context of hospice care must be consistent with the (Ryan White) definition of mental health counseling. Palliative therapies must be consistent with those covered under respective State Medicaid Program. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV and having a life expectancy of 6 months or less residing in the Houston HIV Service Delivery (HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | Services must include but are not limited to medical and nursing care, |

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| | palliative care, psychosocial support and spiritual guidance for the patient, as well as a mechanism for bereavement referral for surviving family members. Counseling services provided in the context of hospice care must be consistent with the (Ryan White) definition of mental health counseling. Palliative therapies must be consistent with those covered under respective State Medicaid Program.<br><br>Allowable Ryan White/State Services funded services are:<br>• Room<br>• Board<br>• Nursing care<br>• Mental health counseling, to include bereavement counseling<br>• Physician services<br>• Palliative therapeutics<br><br>Services NOT allowed under this category:<br>• HIV medications under hospice care unless paid for by the PLWH.<br>• Medical care for acute conditions or acute exacerbations of chronic conditions other than HIV for potentially Medicaid eligible residents.<br>• Funeral, burial, cremation, or related expenses.<br>• Nutritional services,<br>• Durable medical equipment and medical supplies.<br>• Case management services.<br>• Although Texas Medicaid can pay for bereavement counseling for family members for up to a year after the patient's death and can be offered in a skilled nursing facility or nursing home, Ryan White funding CANNOT pay for these services per legislation. |
| Service Unit Definition(s): | A unit of service is defined as one (1) twenty-four (24) hour day of hospice services that includes a full range of physical and psychological support to HIV patients in the final stages of AIDS. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Income at or below 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines. |
| Eligibility for Services: | Individuals with an AIDS diagnosis and certified by his or her physician that the individual's prognosis is for a life expectancy of six (6) months or less if the terminal illness runs its normal course |
| Agency Requirements: | Agency/provider is a licensed hospital/facility and maintains a valid State license with a residential AIDS Hospice designation or is certified as a Special Care Facility with Hospice designation.<br><br>Provider must inform Administrative Agency regarding issue of long-term care facilities denying admission for people living with HIV based on inability to provide appropriate level of skilled nursing care.<br><br>Services must be provided by a medically directed interdisciplinary team, qualified in treating individual requiring hospice services. |

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| | Staff will refer Medicaid/Medicare eligible PLWH to a Hospice Provider for medical, support, and palliative care. Staff will document an attempt has been made to place Medicaid/Medicare eligible PLWH in another facility prior to admission. |
| Staff Requirements: | All hospice care staff who provide direct-care services and who require licensure or certification, must be properly licensed or certified by the State of Texas. |
| Special Requirements: | These services must be:<br>a) Available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, during the last stages of illness, during death, and during bereavement;<br>b) Provided by a medically directed interdisciplinary team;<br>c) Provided in nursing home, residential unit, or inpatient unit according to need. These services do not include inpatient care normally provided in a licensed hospital to a terminally ill person who has not elected to be a hospice PLWH.<br>d) Residents seeking care for hospice at Agency must first seek care from other facilities and denial must be documented in the resident's chart.<br><br>Must comply with the **Houston HSDA Hospice Standards of Care**. The agency must comply with **the DSHS Hospice Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #3** | Date: **04/20/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 300% |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Local Service Category: | **Linguistics Services** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost**:** | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum of 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. |
| DSHS Service Category Definition | Support for Linguistic Services includes interpretation (oral) and translation (written) services, provided by qualified individuals as a component of HIV service delivery between the provider and the people living with HIV (PLWH), when such services are necessary to facilitate communication between the provider and PLWH and/or support delivery of Ryan White-eligible services.<br><br>Linguistic Services include interpretation/translation services provided by qualified interpreters to people living with HIV (including those who are deaf/hard of hearing and non-English speaking individuals) for the purpose of ensuring communication between PLWH and providers while accessing medical and Ryan White fundable support services that have a direct impact on primary medical care. These standards ensure that language is not barrier to any PLWH seeking HIV related medical care and support; and linguistic services are provided in a culturally appropriate manner.<br><br>Services are intended to be inclusive of all cultures and sub-cultures and not limited to any particular population group or sets of groups. They are especially designed to assure that the needs of racial, ethnic, and linguistic populations severely impacted by the HIV epidemic receive quality, unbiased services. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | To provide one hour of interpreter services including, but not limited to, sign language for deaf and /or hard of hearing and native language interpretation for monolingual people living with HIV. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV in the Houston HIV Service Delivery Area (HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | Services include language translation and signing for deaf and/or hearing-impaired HIV+ persons. Services exclude Spanish Translation Services. |
| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | A unit of service is defined as one hour of interpreter services to an eligible PLWH. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Income at or below 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines. |
| Eligibility for Service: | People living with HIV in the Houston HSDA |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Any qualified and interested agency may apply and subcontract actual interpretation services out to various other qualifying agencies. |
| Staff Requirements: | ASL interpreters must be certified. Language interpreters must have completed a forty (40) hour community interpreter training course approved by the DSHS. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Must comply with the Houston HSDA **Linguistic Services Standards of Care**. The agency must comply with **the DSHS Linguistic Services Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #2** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 300% |
| 1. Keep the service definition and financial eligibility the same. 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 all Ryan White funded services inclusive of people from all cultures. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A Service Definition<br>**Medical Nutritional Therapy**<br>(Last Review/Approval Date: November 2021) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Medical Nutritional Therapy** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Medical Nutritional Therapy and Nutritional Supplements** |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Hybrid** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Supplements:*** An individual client may not exceed $1,000.00 in supplements annually without **prior** approval by RWGA.<br><br>***Nutritional Therapy:*** An individual nutritional education/counseling session lasting a minimum of 45 minutes. Provision of professional (licensed registered dietician) education/counseling concerning the therapeutic importance of foods and nutritional supplements that are beneficial to the wellness and improved health conditions of clients. Medically, it is expected that symptomatic or mildly symptomatic clients will be seen once every 12 weeks while clients with higher acuity will be seen once every 6 weeks. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Medical nutrition therapy*** is provided by a licensed registered dietitian outside of a primary care visit **and may include the provision of nutritional supplements.** |
| Local Service Category Definition: | ***Supplements:*** Up to a 90-day supply at any given time, per client, of approved nutritional supplements that are listed on the Houston EMA/HSDA Nutritional Supplement Formulary. Nutritional counseling must be provided for each disbursement of nutritional supplements.<br><br>***Nutritional Therapy:*** An individual nutritional education/counseling session lasting a minimum of 45 minutes. Provision of professional (licensed registered dietician) education/counseling concerning the therapeutic importance of foods and nutritional supplements that are beneficial to the wellness and improved health conditions of clients. Medically, it is expected that symptomatic or mildly symptomatic clients will be seen once every 12 weeks while clients with higher acuity will be seen once every 6 weeks. Services must be provided under written order from a state licensed medical provider (MD, DO or PA) with prescribing privileges and must be based on a written nutrition plan developed by a licensed registered dietician. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | Persons with HIV living within the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) or HIV Service Delivery Area (HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | ***Supplements:*** The provision of nutritional supplements to eligible clients with a written referral from a licensed physician or PA that specifies frequency, duration and amount and includes a written nutritional plan prepared by a licensed, registered dietician. *Nutritional Supplement Disbursement Counseling* is a component of |

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| | *Medical Nutritional Therapy*. *Nutritional Supplement Disbursement Counseling* is a component of the disbursement transaction and is defined as the provision of information by a licensed registered dietitian about therapeutic nutritional and/or supplemental foods that are beneficial to the wellness and increased health condition of clients provided in conjunction with the disbursement of supplements. Services may be provided either through educational or counseling sessions. Also included in this service are follow up sessions with clients' Primary Care provider regarding the effectiveness of the supplements. The number of sessions for each client shall be determined by a written assessment conducted by the Licensed Dietitian but may not exceed twelve (12) sessions per client per contract year.<br><br>***Medical Nutritional Therapy:*** Service must be provided under written order of a state licensed medical provider (MD, DO, PA) with prescribing privileges and must include a written plan developed by state licensed registered dietician. Client must receive a full range of medical nutritional therapy services including, but not limited to, diet history and recall; estimation of nutrition intake; assessment of weight change; calculation of nutritional requirements related to specific medication regimes and disease status, meal preparation and selection suggestions; calorie counts; evaluation of clinically appropriate laboratory results; assessment of medication-nutrient interactions; and bio-impedance assessment. If patient evaluation indicates the need for interventions such as nutritional supplements, appetite stimulants, or treatment of underlying pathogens, the dietician must share such findings with the patient's primary medical provider (MD, DO or PE) and provide recommendations. Clients needing additional nutritional resources will be referred to case management services as appropriate and/or local food banks.<br><br>Provider must furnish information on this service category to at least the health care providers funded by Ryan White Parts A, B, C and D and TDSHS State Services. |
| Service Unit Definition(s):<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Supplements:*** One (1) unit of service = a single visit wherein an eligible client receives allowable nutritional supplements (up to a 90 day supply) and nutritional counseling by a licensed dietician as clinically indicated. A visit wherein the client receives counseling but no supplements is not a billable disbursement transaction.<br><br>***Medical Nutritional Therapy:*** An individual nutritional counseling session lasting a minimum of 45 minutes. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | ***Nutritional Supplements:*** Person with HIV and documentation that the client is actively enrolled in primary medical care. |

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| | ***Medical Nutritional Therapy:*** Person with HIV and documentation that the client is actively enrolled in primary medical care. |
| Agency Requirements: | None. |
| Staff Requirements: | The nutritional counseling services under this category must be provided by a licensed registered dietician. Dieticians must have a minimum of two (2) years experience providing nutritional assessment and counseling to PLWH. |
| Special Requirements: **RWGA Only** | Must comply with Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care, HHS treatment guidelines and applicable HRSA/HAB HIV Clinical Performance Measures.<br><br>Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA approved Medical Nutritional Therapy Formulary. |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 400% |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Local Service Category: | **Mental Health Services** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum of 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. |
| DSHS Service Category Definition | Mental Health Services include psychological and psychiatric treatment and counseling services offered to individuals with a diagnosed mental illness, conducted in a family/couples, group or individual setting, based on a detailed treatment plan, and provided by a mental health professional licensed or authorized within the State to provide such services, typically including psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers.<br><br>Mental health counseling services includes outpatient mental health therapy and counseling (individual and family/couple) provided solely by Mental Health Practitioners licensed in the State of Texas.<br><br>Mental health services include:<br>• Mental Health Assessment<br>• Treatment Planning<br>• Treatment Provision<br>• Individual psychotherapy<br>• Family psychotherapy<br>• Conjoint psychotherapy<br>• Group psychotherapy<br>• Psychiatric medication assessment, prescription and monitoring<br>• Psychotropic medication management<br>• Drop-In Psychotherapy Groups<br>• Emergency/Crisis Intervention<br><br>General mental health therapy, counseling and short-term (based on the mental health professional's judgment) bereavement support is available for family members or significant others of people living with HIV. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **Individual Therapy/counseling** is defined as 1:1 or family-based crisis intervention and/or mental health therapy provided by a licensed mental health practitioner to an eligible person living with HIV.<br><br>**Family/Couples Therapy/Counseling** is defined as crisis intervention and/or mental health therapy provided by a licensed mental health practitioner to a family or couple (opposite-sex, same-sex, transgendered or non-gender conforming) that includes an eligible person living with HIV.<br><br>**Support Groups** are defined as professionally led (licensed therapists or counselor) groups that comprise people living with HIV, family members, or significant others for the purpose of providing emotional support directly related to the stress of caring for people living with HIV. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV and affected individuals living within the Houston HIV Service Delivery Area (HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | Agencies are encouraged to have available to PLWH all modes of counseling services, i.e., crisis, individual, family, and group. Sessions may be conducted in-home. Agency must provide professional support group sessions led by a licensed counselor. |

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| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | **Individual Crisis Intervention and/or Therapy:**<br>A unit of service is defined as an individual counseling session lasting a minimum of 45 minutes.<br><br>**Family/Couples Crisis Intervention and/or Therapy:**<br>A unit of service is defined as a family/couples counseling session lasting a minimum of 90 minutes.<br><br>**Group Therapy:**<br>A unit of service is defined as one (1) eligible PLWH attending 90 minutes of group therapy. The minimum time allowable for a single group session is 90 minutes and maximum time allowable for a single group session is 120 minutes. No more than one unit may be billed per session for an individual or group session.<br><br>A minimum of three (3) participants must attend a group session in order for the group session to eligible for reimbursement.<br><br>**Consultation:**<br>One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of communication with a medical or other appropriate provider to ensure case coordination. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Income at or below 500% Federal Poverty Guidelines. |
| Eligibility for Services: | For individual therapy session, person living with HIV or the affected significant other of a person living with HIV, resident of Houston HSDA.<br><br>Person living with HIV must have a current DSM diagnosis eligible for reimbursement under the State Medicaid Plan.<br><br>PLWH must not be eligible for services from other programs or providers (i.e. MHMRA of Harris County) or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance) unless the PLWH is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, PLWH may be provided services, if the PLWH applies for the other programs /providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services.<br><br>Medicaid/Medicare, Third Party Payer and Private Pay status of PLWH receiving services under this grant must be verified by the provider prior to requesting reimbursement under this grant. For support group sessions, PLWH must be either a person living with HIV or the significant other of person living with HIV.<br><br>Affected significant other is eligible for services only related to the stress of caring for a person living with HIV. |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Agency must provide assurance that the mental health practitioner shall be supervised by a licensed therapist qualified by the State to provide clinical supervision. This supervision should be documented through supervision notes.<br><br>Keep attendance records for group sessions.<br><br>Must provide 24-hour access to a licensed counselor for current PLWH with |

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| | emotional emergencies.<br><br>PLWH eligible for Medicaid or 3rd party payer reimbursement may not be billed to grant funds. Medicare Co-payments may be billed to the contract as ½ unit of service.<br><br>Documentation of at least one therapist certified by Medicaid/Medicare on the staff of the agency must be provided in the proposal. All funded agencies must maintain the capability to serve and seek reimbursement from Medicaid/Medicare throughout the term of their contract. Potential PLWH who are Medicaid/ Medicare eligible may not be denied services by a funded agency based on their reimbursement status (Medicaid/Medicare eligible PLWH may not be referred elsewhere in order that non-Medicaid/Medicare eligible PLWH may be added to this grant). Failure to serve Medicaid/Medicare eligible PLWH based on their reimbursement status will be grounds for the immediate termination of the provider's contract.<br><br>Must comply with the State Services Standards of Care.<br><br>Must provide a plan for establishing criteria for prioritizing participation in group sessions and for termination from group participation.<br><br>Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified to ensure that Ryan White funds are the payer of last resort. |
| Staff Requirements: | It is required that counselors have the following qualifications:<br>Licensed Mental Health Practitioner by the State of Texas (LCSW, LMSW, LPC PhD, Psychologist, or LMFT).<br><br>At least two years' experience working with HIV disease or two years' work experience with chronic care of a catastrophic illness.<br><br>Counselors providing family sessions must have at least two years' experience in family therapy.<br><br>Counselors must be covered by professional liability insurance with limits of at least $300,000 per occurrence. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | All mental health interventions must be based on proven clinical methods and in accordance with legal and ethical standards. The importance of maintaining confidentiality is of critical importance and cannot be overstated unless otherwise indicated based on Federal, state and local laws and guidelines (i.e. abuse, self or other harm). All programs must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) standards for privacy practices of protected health information (PHI) information.<br><br>Mental health services can be delivered via telehealth and must follow applicable federal and State of Texas privacy laws.<br><br>Mental health services that are provided via telehealth must be in accordance with State of Texas mental health provider practice requirements, see Texas Occupations Code, Title 3 Health Professions and chapter 111 for Telehealth & Telemedicine. |

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| | When psychiatry is provided as a mental health service via telehealth then the provider must follow guidelines for telemedicine as noted in Texas Medical Board (TMB) guidelines for providing telemedicine, Texas Administrative Code, Texas Medical Board, Rules, Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 174, RULE §174.1 to §174.12<br><br>Medicare and private insurance co-payments are eligible for reimbursement under this grant (in this situation the agency will be reimbursed the PLWH's co-payment only, not the cost of the session which must be billed to Medicare and/or the Third-party payer). Extensions will be addressed on an individual basis when meeting the criteria of counseling directly related to HIV illness. Under no circumstances will the agency be reimbursed more than two (2) units of individual therapy per PLWH in any single 24-hour period.<br><br>Agency should develop services that focus on the most current Special Populations identified in the *Houston Area Comprehensive Plan for HIV Prevention and Care Services* including Adolescents, Homeless, Incarcerated & Recently Released (IRR), Injection Drug Users (IDU), Men who Have Sex with Men (MSM), and Transgender populations. Additionally, services should focus on increasing access for individuals living in rural counties.<br><br>Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care.<br>The agency must comply with **the DSHS Mental Health Services Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service. |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 500% |
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| Local Service Category: | **Oral Health Care** |
| Amount Available: | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost**:** | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum of 10% of budget for Administrative Costs |
| Local Service Category Definition: | Restorative dental services, oral surgery, root canal therapy, fixed and removable prosthodontics; periodontal services includes subgingival scaling, gingival curettage, osseous surgery, gingivectomy, provisional splinting, laser procedures and maintenance. Oral medication (including pain control) for people living with HIV (PLWH) 15 years of age or older must be based on a comprehensive individual treatment plan. Prosthodontics services to people living with HIV including but not limited to examinations and diagnosis of need for dentures, crowns, bridgework and implants, diagnostic measurements, laboratory services, tooth extraction, relines and denture repairs.<br><br>Emergency procedures will be treated on a walk-in basis as availability and funding allows. Funded Oral Health Care providers are permitted to provide necessary emergency care regardless of a PLWH's annual benefit balance. If a provider cannot provide adequate services for emergency care, the PLWH should be referred to a hospital emergency room. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV residing in the Houston HIV Service Delivery Area (HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | Services must include, but are not limited to: individual comprehensive treatment plan; diagnosis and treatment of HIV-related oral pathology, including oral Kaposi's Sarcoma, CMV ulceration, hairy leukoplakia, xerostomia, lichen planus, aphthous ulcers and herpetic lesions; diffuse infiltrative lymphocytosis; standard oral health education and preventive procedures, including oral hygiene instruction, smoking/tobacco cessation (as indicated), diet counseling and home care program; oral prophylaxis; restorative care; oral surgery including dental implants; root canal therapy; fixed and removable prosthodontics including crowns and bridges; periodontal services, including subgingival scaling, gingival curettage, osseous surgery, gingivectomy, provisional splinting, laser procedures and maintenance. Proposer must have mechanism in place to provide oral pain medication as prescribed for PLWH by the dentist.<br><br>Limitations:<br>• Cosmetic dentistry for cosmetic purposes only is prohibited.<br>• Maximum amount that may be funded by Ryan White/State Services per PLWH is $3,000/year.<br>  • In cases of emergency, the maximum amount may exceed the above cap<br>  • In cases where there is extensive care needed once the procedure has begun, the maximum amount may exceed the above cap.<br>• Dental providers must document *via approved waiver* the reason for exceeding the yearly maximum amount. |
| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | General Dentistry: A unit of service is defined as one (1) dental visit which includes restorative dental services, oral surgery, root canal therapy, fixed and removable prosthodontics; periodontal services includes subgingival scaling, gingival curettage, osseous surgery, gingivectomy, provisional splinting, laser procedures and maintenance. Oral medication |

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| | (including pain control) for PLWH 15 years old or older must be based on a comprehensive individual treatment plan.<br><br>Prosthodontics: A unit of services is defined as one (1) Prosthodontics visit. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Income at or below 300% Federal Poverty Guidelines. Maximum amount that may be funded by Ryan White/State Services per PLWH is $3,000/year. |
| Eligibility for Services: | Person living with HIV; Adult resident of Houston HSDA |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | **To ensure that Ryan White is payer of last resort, Agency and/or dental providers (clinicians) must be Medicaid certified and enrolled in all Dental Plans offered to Texas STAR+PLUS eligible PLWH in the Houston EMA/HSDA**. Agency/providers must ensure Medicaid certification and billing capability for STAR+PLUS eligible PLWH remains current throughout the contract term.<br><br>Agency must document that the primary PLWH care dentist has 2 years prior experience treating HIV disease and/or on-going HIV educational programs that are documented in personnel files and updated regularly. Dental facility and appropriate dental staff must maintain Texas licensure/certification and follow all applicable OSHA requirements for PLWH management and laboratory protocol. |
| Staff Requirements: | State of Texas dental license; licensed dental hygienist and state radiology certification for dental assistants. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care.<br><br>The agency must comply with **the DSHS Oral Health Care Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service.<br><br>Oral Health Care services can be delivered via telehealth and must follow applicable federal and State of Texas privacy laws. |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 300% |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Oral Health/Rural**<br>(Last Review/Approval Date: November 2021) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Oral Health** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Oral Health – <u>Rural (North)</u>** |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Unit Cost** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | Not Applicable |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Oral health care** includes diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | Restorative dental services, oral surgery, root canal therapy, fixed and removable prosthodontics; periodontal services includes subgingival scaling, gingival curettage, osseous surgery, gingivectomy, provisional splinting, laser procedures and maintenance. Oral medication (including pain control) for HIV patients 15 years old or older must be based on a comprehensive individual treatment plan. Prosthodontics services to eligible clients including, but not limited to examinations and diagnosis of need for dentures, diagnostic measurements, laboratory services, tooth extractions, relines and denture repairs. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | Persons with HIV residing in Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) or Health Service Delivery Area (HSDA) counties other than Harris County. Comprehensive Oral Health services targeted to individuals residing in the northern counties of the EMA/HSDA, including Waller, Walker, Montgomery, Austin, Chambers and Liberty Counties. |
| Services to be Provided: | Services must include, but are not limited to: individual comprehensive treatment plan; diagnosis and treatment of HIV-related oral pathology, including oral Kaposi's Sarcoma, CMV ulceration, hairy leukoplakia, xerostomia, lichen planus, aphthous ulcers and herpetic lesions; diffuse infiltrative lymphocytosis; standard preventive procedures, including oral hygiene instruction, diet counseling and home care program; oral prophylaxis; restorative care; oral surgery including dental implants; root canal therapy; fixed and removable prosthodontics including crowns, bridges and implants; periodontal services, including subgingival scaling, gingival curettage, osseous surgery, gingivectomy, provisional splinting, laser procedures and maintenance. Proposer must have mechanism in place to provide oral pain medication as prescribed for clients by the dentist. |
| Service Unit Definition(s):<br>**RWGA Only** | General Dentistry: A unit of service is defined as one (1) dental visit which includes restorative dental services, oral surgery, root |

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| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | Adult persons with HIV residing in the rural area of Houston EMA/HSDA meeting financial eligibility criteria. |
| Agency Requirements: | Agency must document that the primary patient care dentist has 2 years prior experience treating HIV disease and/or on-going HIV educational programs that are documented in personnel files and updated regularly.<br><br>Service delivery site must be located in one of the northern counties of the EMA/HSDA area: Waller, Walker, Montgomery, Austin, Chambers or Liberty Counties |
| Staff Requirements: | State of Texas dental license; licensed dental hygienist and state radiology certification for dental assistants. |
| Special Requirements:<br>**RWGA Only** | Agency and/or dental providers (clinicians) must be Medicaid certified and enrolled in all Dental Plans offered to Texas STAR+PLUS eligible clients in the Houston EMA/HSDA. Agency/providers must ensure Medicaid certification and billing capability for STAR+PLUS eligible patients remains current throughout the contract term.<br><br>Must comply with the joint Part A/B standards of care where applicable. |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 300% |
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| Local Service Category: | **Referral for Health Care: ADAP Enrollment Worker** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. No direct medical costs may be billed to this grant. |
| DSHS Service Category Definition: | Direct people living with HIV (PLWH) to a service in person or through telephone, written, or other types of communication, including management of such services where they are not provided as part of Ambulatory Outpatient Medical Care or Case Management Services. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Enrollment Workers (AEWs) are co-located at Ryan-White funded clinics to ensure the efficient and accurate submission of ADAP applications to the Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP). AEWs will meet with all potential ADAP enrollees to explain ADAP program benefits and requirements and assist PLWHs with the submission of complete and accurate ADAP applications. AEWs will ensure benefits continuation through timely completion of annual re-certifications by the last day of the PLWH's birth month and attestations six months later to ensure there is no lapse in ADAP eligibility and/or loss of benefits. Other responsibilities will include:<br>• Track the ADAP application process to ensure submitted applications are processed as quick as possible, including prompt follow-up on pending applications to gather missing or questioned documentation as needed.<br>• Maintain ongoing communication with designated THMP staff to aid in resolution of PLWH inquires and questioned applications; and to ensure any issues affecting pending applications and/or PLWHs are mediated as quickly as possible.<br><br>AEWs must maintain relationships with the Ryan White ADAP Network (RWAN). |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV in the Houston HDSA in need of medications through the Texas HIV Medication Program. |
| Services to be Provided: | Services include but are not limited to provision of education on available benefits programs applicable to the PLWH; completion of ADAP application including enrollment/recertification/six-month attestation; aid the PLWH in gathering all required supporting documentation to complete benefits application(s) including ADAP; provide a streamlined process for submission of completed ADAP applications and/or other benefits applications; assist in benefits continuation including six-month attestation and necessary follow-up; liaison with THMP and the PLWH throughout the ADAP application process |
| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct PLWH services or coordination of application process on behalf of PLWH. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Income at or below 500% of Federal Poverty Guidelines |
| Eligibility for Service: | People living with HIV in the Houston HDSA |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Agency must be funded for Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care bundled service category under Ryan White Part A/B/DSHS SS.<br><br>Agency must obtain and maintain access to TakeChargeTexas, the online system to submit THMP applications. |
| Staff Requirements: | Not Applicable. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | The agency must comply with **the DSHS Referral to Healthcare Standards of Care** and **the Houston HSDA Referral for Health Care and Support Services Standards of Care**. The agency must have |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 500% |
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| Local Service Category: | **Referral for Healthcare: Incarcerated** |
| Amount Available**:** | **To be determined** |
| Unit Cost | |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions **(TRG Only)**: | Maximum 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. No direct medical costs may be billed to this grant. |
| DSHS Service Category Definition: | Referral for Health Care and Support Services (RFHC) directs a client to needed core medical or support services in person or through telephone, written, or other type of communication. Activities provided under this service category may include referrals to assist HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)-eligible clients to obtain access to other public or private programs for which they may be eligible. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | Support of Referral for Healthcare-Incarcerated (RFHC-Incarcerated) that include identification of individuals at points of entry and access to services and provision of:<br>• Referral services (including healthcare services)<br>• Linkage to care<br>• Health education and literacy training that enable PLWHs to navigate the HIV system of care<br>• Benefits counseling<br><br>This service includes the connection of incarcerated in the Harris County Jail into medical care, the coordination of their medical care while incarcerated, and the transition of their care from Harris County Jail to the community. Services must include: assessment of the PLWH, provision of education regarding disease and treatment, education and skills building to increase PLWH's health literacy, completion of THMP/ADAP application and submission via TCT upload process, care coordination with medical resources within the jail, care coordination with service providers outside the jail, and discharge planning.<br><br>These services must focus on expanding key points of entry and documented tracking of referrals.<br><br>Counseling, and referral activities are designed to bring people living with HIV into Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care. The goal of RFHC-Incarcerated is to decrease the number of underserved individuals with HIV/AIDS by increasing access to care. RFHC-Incarcerated also provides the added benefit of educating and motivating PLWHs on the importance and benefits of getting into care. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | People living with HIV (PLWHs) incarcerated in The Harris County Jail. |
| Services to be Provided: | Services include but are not limited to CPCDMS registration/update, assessment, provision of education, coordination of medical care services provided while incarcerated, medication regimen transition, multidisciplinary team review, discharge planning, and referral to community resources.<br><br>RFHC for the Incarcerated is provided at Harris County Jail. HCJ's population includes both individuals who are actively progressing through the criminal justice system (toward a determination of guilt or innocence), individuals who are serving that sentence in HCJ, and individuals who are awaiting transfer to Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The complexity of this population has proven a challenge in service delivery. Some individuals in HCJ have a firm release date. Others may attend and be released directly from court. |

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| | Therefore, RFHC for the Incarcerated has been designed to consider the uncertain nature of length of stay in the service delivery. Three tiers of service provision haven been designated. They are:<br>• **Tier 0:** The individuals in this tier do **not** stay in HCJ long enough to receive a clinical appointment while incarcerated. The use of zero for this tier's designation reinforces the understanding that the interaction with funded staff will be minimal. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally less than 14 days.<br>• **Tier 1:** The individuals in this tier stay in HCJ long enough to receive a clinical appointment while incarcerated. This clinical appointment triggers the ability of staff to conduct multiple interactions to assure that certain benchmarks of service provision should be met. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally 15-30 days.<br>• **Tier 2:** The individuals in this tier remain in HCJ long enough to get additional interactions and potentially multiple clinical appointments. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally 30 or more days.<br><br>Service provision builds on the activities of the previous tier if the individual remains in HCJ. Each tier helps the staff to focus interactions to address the highest priority needs of the individual. Each interaction is conducted as if it is the only opportunity to conduct the intervention with the individual.<br><br>Transitional social services should NOT exceed 180 days. |
| Service Unit Definition(s) **(TRG Only)**: | One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct PLWH services or coordination of care on behalf of PLWH. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Due to incarceration, no income or residency documentation is required. |
| Eligibility for Service: | People living with HIV incarcerated and recently released from the Harris County Jail. |
| Agency Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | As applicable. the agency's facility(s) shall be appropriately licensed or certified as required by Texas Department of State Health Services, for the provision of RFHC-Incarcerated Services, including phlebotomy services.<br><br>Agency/staff will establish memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with key points of entry into care to facilitate access to care for those who are identified by testing in HCJ. Agency must execute Memoranda of Understanding with Ryan White funded Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care providers. The Administrative Agency must be notified in writing if any OAMC providers refuse to execute an MOU.<br><br>Agency must obtain and maintain access to TakeChargeTexas (TCT), the online system to submit THMP applications. |
| Staff Requirements: | Not Applicable. |
| Special Requirements **(TRG Only)**: | Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care. The agency must comply with **the DSHS Referral to Healthcare Standards of Care** and **the Houston HSDA Referral for Health Care and Support Services for the Incarcerated Standards of Care**. The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards ***prior*** to delivery of the service. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #3** | Date: **04/20/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: None |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A Service Definition<br>**Substance Abuse Services - Outpatient**<br>(Last Review/Approval Date: 6/3/16) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | Substance Abuse Services Outpatient |
| Local Service Category Title: | Substance Use Treatment/Counseling |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | Fee-for-Service |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | Minimum group session length is 2 hours |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Substance abuse services outpatient*** is the provision of medical or other treatment and/or counseling to address substance abuse problems (i.e., alcohol and/or legal and illegal drugs) in an outpatient setting, rendered by a physician or under the supervision of a physician, or by other qualified personnel. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | Treatment and/or counseling individuals with HIV with substance abuse disorders delivered in accordance with State licensing guidelines. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | Persons with HIV and substance abuse disorders, residing in the Houston Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA/HSDA). |
| Services to be Provided: | Services for all eligible HIV patients with substance abuse disorders. Services provided must be integrated with HIV-related issues that trigger relapse. All services must be provided in accordance with the Texas Department of Health Services/Substance Abuse Services (TDSHS/SAS) Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility Licensure Standards. Service provision must comply with the applicable treatment standards. |
| Service Unit Definition(s):<br>**RWGA Only** | **Individual Counseling:** One unit of service = one individual counseling session of at least 45 minutes in length with one (1) eligible client. **A single session lasting longer than 45 minutes qualifies as only a single unit** – no fractional units are allowed. Two (2) units are allowed for initial assessment/orientation session.<br>**Group Counseling:** One unit of service = 60 minutes of group treatment for one eligible client. A single session must last a minimum of 2 hours. Support Groups are defined as professionally led groups that are comprised of HIV-positive individuals, family members, or significant others for the purpose of providing Substance Abuse therapy. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Current FY Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | HIV-infected individuals with substance abuse co-morbidities/disorders. |
| Agency Requirements: | Agency must be appropriately licensed by the State. All services must be provided in accordance with applicable Texas Department of State Health Services/Substance Abuse Services (TDSHS/SAS) Chemical |

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| | Dependency Treatment Facility Licensure Standards. Client must not be eligible for services from other programs or providers (i.e. MHMRA of Harris County) or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, Private Insurance) unless the client is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, clients may be provided services, as long as the client applies for the other programs/providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services. All services must be provided in accordance with the TDSHS/SAS Chemical Dependency Treatment Facility Licensure Standards. Specifically, regarding service provision, services must comply with the most current version of the applicable Rules for Licensed Chemical Dependency Treatment. Services provided must be integrated with HIV-related issues that trigger relapse.<br>Provider must provide a written plan annually no later than March 31st documenting coordination with local TDSHS/SAS HIV Early Intervention funded programs if such programs are currently funded in the Houston EMA. |
| Staff Requirements: | Must meet all applicable State licensing requirements and Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care. |
| Special Requirements:<br>**RWGA Only** | Not Applicable. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #2** | Date: **04/19/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 500% |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| FY 2022 Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A Service Definition<br>**Medical Transportation (Van Based)**<br>(Revision Date: 07/26/2022) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Medical Transportation** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **a. Transportation targeted to Urban**<br>**b. Transportation targeted to Rural** |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Hybrid Fee for Service** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | • Units assigned to Urban Transportation must only be used to transport clients whose residence is in Harris County.<br>• Units assigned to Rural Transportation may only be used to transport clients who reside in Houston EMA/HSDA counties other than Harris County.<br>• Mileage reimbursed for transportation is based on the documented distance in miles from a client's Trip Origin to Trip Destination **as documented by a standard Internet-based mapping program (i.e. Google Maps, Map Quest, Yahoo Maps) approved by RWGA.** Agency must print out and file in the client record a trip plan from the appropriate Internet-based mapping program that clearly delineates the mileage between Point of Origin and Destination (and reverse for round trips). This requirement is subject to audit by the County.<br>• Transportation to employment, employment training, school, or other activities not directly related to a client's treatment of HIV is not allowable. Clients may not be transported to entertainment or social events under this contract.<br>• Taxi vouchers must be made available for documented emergency purposes and to transport a client to a disability hearing, emergency shelter or for a documented medical emergency.<br>• Subrecipient must reserve 7% of the total budget for Taxi Vouchers.<br>• Maximum monthly utilization of taxi vouchers cannot exceed 14% of the total amount of funding reserved for Taxi Vouchers.<br>• Emergencies warranting the use of Taxi Vouchers include: van service is unavailable due to breakdown, scheduling conflicts or inclement weather or other unanticipated event. A spreadsheet listing client's 11-digit code, age, date of service, number of trips, and reason for emergency should be kept on-site and available for review during Site Visits.<br>• **Subrecipient must provide RWGA a copy of the agreement between Subrecipient and a licensed taxi vendor by March 31, 2023.**<br>• All taxi voucher receipts must have the taxi company's name, the driver's name and/or identification number, number of miles driven, destination (to and from), and exact cost of trip. The Subrecipient will add the client's 11-digit code to the receipt and include all receipts with the monthly Contractor Expense Report |

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| | (CER).<br>• A copy of the taxi company's statement (on company letterhead) must be included with the monthly CER. Supporting documentation of disbursement payments may be requested with the CER. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Medical transportation services** include conveyance services provided, directly or through voucher, to a client so that he or she may access health care services. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | a. Urban Transportation: Subrecipient will develop and implement a medical transportation program that provides essential transportation services to **HRSA-defined Core Services** through the use of individual employee or contract drivers with vehicles/vans to Ryan White Program-eligible individuals residing in Harris County. Clients residing outside of Harris County are ineligible for Urban transportation services. Exceptions to this requirement require <u>prior</u> written approval from RWGA.<br><br>b. Rural Transportation: Subrecipient will develop and implement a medical transportation program that provides essential transportation services to **HRSA-defined Core Services** through the use of individual employee or contract drivers with vehicles/vans to Ryan White Program-eligible individuals residing in Houston EMA/HSDA counties other than Harris County. Clients residing in Harris County are ineligible for this transportation program. Exceptions to this requirement require <u>prior</u> written approval from RWGA.<br><br>Essential transportation is defined as transportation to public and private outpatient medical care and physician services, substance abuse and mental health services, pharmacies and other services where eligible clients receive Ryan White-defined Core Services and/or medical and health-related care services, including clinical trials, essential to their well-being.<br><br>The Subrecipient shall ensure that the transportation program provides taxi vouchers to eligible clients only in the following cases:<br>• To access emergency shelter vouchers or to attend social security disability hearings;<br>• Van service is unavailable due to breakdown or inclement weather;<br>• Client's medical need requires immediate transport;<br>• Scheduling Conflicts.<br><br>**Subrecipient must provide clear and specific justification (reason) for the use of taxi vouchers and include the documentation in the client's file for <u>each</u> incident. RWGA must approve supporting documentation for taxi voucher reimbursements.**<br><br>For clients living in the METRO service area, written certification |

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| | from the client's principal medical provider (e.g. medical case manager or physician) is required to access van-based transportation, to be renewed every 180 days. **Medical Certifications should be maintained on-site by the provider in a single file (listed alphabetically by 11-digit code) and will be monitored at least annually during a Site Visit.** It is the Subrecipient's responsibility to determine whether a client resides within the METRO service area. Clients who live outside the METRO service area but within Harris County (e.g. Baytown) are not required to provide a written medical certification to access van-based transportation. All clients living in the Metro service area may receive a maximum of 4 non-certified round trips per year (including taxi vouchers). Non-certified trips will be reviewed during the annual Site Visit. Provider must maintain an up-to-date spreadsheet documenting such trips.<br><br>The Subrecipient must implement the general transportation program in accordance with the Transportation Standards of Care that include entering all transportation services into the Centralized Patient Care Data Management System (CPCDMS) and providing eligible children with transportation services to Core Services appointments. Only actual mileage (documented per the selected Internet mapping program) transporting eligible clients from Origin to Destination will be reimbursed under this contract. The Subrecipient must make reasonable effort to ensure that routes are designed in the most efficient manner possible to minimize actual client time in vehicles. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | a. Urban Transportation: Persons with HIV and Ryan White Part A/B eligible affected individuals residing in Harris County.<br><br>b. Rural Transportation: Persons with HIV and Ryan White Part A/B eligible affected individuals residing in Fort Bend, Waller, Walker, Montgomery, Austin, Colorado, Liberty, Chambers and Wharton Counties. |
| Services to be Provided: | To provide Medical Transportation services to access Ryan White Program defined **Core Services** for eligible individuals. Transportation will include round trips to single destinations and round trips to multiple destinations. Taxi vouchers will be provided to eligible clients only for identified emergency situations. Caregiver must be allowed to accompany the person with HIV. **Eligibility for Transportation Services is determined by the client's County of residence as documented in the CPCDMS**. |
| Service Unit Definition(s): **RWGA Only** | One (1) unit of service = one (1) mile driven with an eligible client as passenger. Client cancellations and/or no-shows are <u>not</u> reimbursable. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved current year *Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | a. Urban Transportation: Only individuals with HIV and Ryan White Program eligible affected individuals residing inside Harris County will be eligible for services. |

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| | b. Rural Transportation: Only persons with HIV and Ryan White Program eligible affected individuals residing in Houston EMA/HSDA Counties other than Harris County are eligible for Rural Transportation services.<br><br>Documentation of the client's eligibility in accordance with approved Transportation Standards of Care must be obtained by the Subrecipient prior to providing services. The Subrecipient must ensure that eligible clients have a signed consent for transportation services, client rights and responsibilities prior to the commencement of services.<br><br>Affected significant others may accompany an person with HIV as medically necessary (minor children may accompany their caregiver as necessary). Ryan White Part A/B eligible affected individuals may utilize the services under this contract for travel to Core Services when the aforementioned criteria are met and the use of the service is directly related to a person with HIV. An example of an eligible transportation encounter by an affected individual is transportation to a Professional Counseling appointment. |
| Agency Requirements | Subrecipient must be a Certified Medicaid Transportation Provider. Subrecipient must furnish such documentation to Harris County upon request from Ryan White Grant Administration prior to March 1st annually. Subrecipient must maintain such certification throughout the term of the contract. Failure to maintain certification as a Medicaid Transportation provider may result in termination of contract.<br><br>Subrecipient must provide each client with a written explanation of Subrecipient's scheduling procedures upon initiation of their first transportation service, and annually thereafter. Subrecipient must provide RWGA with a copy of their scheduling procedures by March 31, 2023, and thereafter within 5 business days of any revisions.<br><br>**Subrecipient must also have the following equipment dedicated to the general transportation program:**<br>• A separate phone line from their main number so that clients can access transportation services during the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. directly at no cost to the clients. **The telephone line must be managed by a live person between the hours of 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Telephone calls to an answering machine utilized after 5:00 p.m. must be returned by 9:00 a.m. the following business day.<br>• A fax machine with a dedicated line.<br>• All equipment identified in the Transportation Standards of Care necessary to transport children in vehicles.<br>• Subrecipient must assure clients eligible for Medicaid transportation are billed to Medicaid. This is subject to audit by the County.<br><br>The Subrecipient is responsible for maintaining documentation to |

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| | evidence that drivers providing services have a valid Texas Driver's License and have completed a State approved "Safe Driving" course. Subrecipient must maintain documentation of the automobile liability insurance of each vehicle utilized by the program as required by state law. All vehicles must have a current Texas State Inspection. The minimum acceptable limit of automobile liability insurance is $300,000.00 combined single limit. Agency must maintain detailed records of mileage driven and names of individuals provided with transportation, as well as origin and destination of trips. ***It is the Subrecipient's responsibility to verify the County in which clients reside in.*** |
| Staff Requirements | A picture identification of each driver must be posted in the vehicle utilized to transport clients. Criminal background checks must be performed on all direct service transportation personnel prior to transporting any clients. Drivers must have annual proof of a safe driving record, which shall include history of tickets, DWI/DUI, or other traffic violations. Conviction on more than three (3) moving violations within the past year will disqualify the driver. Conviction of one (1) DWI/DUI within the past three (3) years will disqualify the driver. |
| Special Requirements:<br>**RWGA Only** | Individuals who qualify for transportation services through Medicaid are not eligible for these transportation services.<br><br>**Subrecipient must ensure the following criteria are met for all clients transported by Subrecipient's transportation program:**<br><br>Transportation Provider must ensure that clients use transportation services for an appropriate purpose through one of the following three methods:<br>1. Follow-up hard copy verification between transportation provider and Destination Agency (DA) program confirming use of eligible service(s), or<br>2. Client provides receipt documenting use of eligible services at Destination Agency on the date of transportation, or<br>3. Scheduling of transportation services was made by receiving agency's case manager or transportation coordinator.<br><br>The verification/receipt form must at a minimum include all elements listed below:<br>• Be on Destination Agency letterhead<br>• Date/Time<br>• CPCDMS client code<br>• Name and signature of Destination Agency staff member who attended to client (e.g. case manager, clinician, physician, nurse)<br>• Destination Agency date stamp to ensure DA issued form. |

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| Step in Process: **HTBMTN Workgroup #3** | Date: **04/20/2023** |
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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 400% |
| 1. Update the justification chart, add ride sharing to the service definition and keep the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| Houston EMA/HSDA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition<br>**Vision Care**<br>(Last Review/Approval Date: November 2021) | |
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| HRSA Service Category Title: **RWGA Only** | **Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care** |
| Local Service Category Title: | **Vision Care** |
| Budget Type:<br>**RWGA Only** | **Fee for Service** |
| Budget Requirements or Restrictions:<br>**RWGA Only** | Corrective lenses are not allowable under this category. Corrective lenses may be provided under Health Insurance Assistance and/or Emergency Financial Assistance as applicable/available. |
| HRSA Service Category Definition:<br>**RWGA Only** | ***Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care*** is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). *Primary medical care* for the treatment of HIV includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies.<br>HRSA policy notice 16-02 states funds awarded under Part A or Part B of the Ryan White CARE Act (Program) may be used for optometric or ophthalmic services under Primary Medical Care. Funds may also be used to purchase corrective lenses for conditions related to HIV, through either the Health Insurance Premium Assistance or Emergency Financial Assistance service categories as applicable. |
| Local Service Category Definition: | **Primary Care Office/Clinic Vision Care** is defined as a comprehensive examination by a qualified Optometrist or Ophthalmologist, including Eligibility Screening as necessary. A visit with a credentialed Ophthalmic Medical Assistant for any of the following is an allowable visit:<br>• Routine and preliminary tests including Cover tests, Ishihara Color Test, NPC (Near Point of Conversion), Vision Acuity Testing, Lensometry.<br>• Visual field testing<br>• Glasses dispensing including fittings of glasses, visual |

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| | acuity testing, measurement, segment height.<br>• Fitting of contact lenses is not an allowable follow-up visit. |
| Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.): | Persons with HIV residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA. |
| Services to be Provided: | Services must be provided at an eye care clinic or Optometrist's office. Services must include but are not limited to external/internal eye health evaluations; refractions; dilation of the pupils; glaucoma and cataract evaluations; CMV screenings; prescriptions for eyeglasses and over the counter medications; provision of eyeglasses (contact lenses are not allowable); and referrals to other service providers (i.e. Primary Care Physicians, Ophthalmologists, etc.) for treatment of CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, etc. Agency must provide a written plan for ensuring that collaboration occurs with other providers (Primary Care Physicians, Ophthalmologists, etc.) to ensure that patients receive appropriate treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, etc. |
| Service Unit Definition(s): **RWGA Only** | One (1) unit of service = One (1) patient visit to the Optometrist, Ophthalmologist or Ophthalmic Assistant. |
| Financial Eligibility: | Refer to the RWPC's approved *Current FY Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA Services*. |
| Client Eligibility: | HIV-infected resident of the Houston EMA/HSDA. |
| Agency Requirements: | Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified to ensure that Ryan White Program funds are the payer of last resort to the extent examinations and eyewear are covered by the State Medicaid program. |
| Staff Requirements: | Vendor must have on staff a Doctorate of Optometry licensed by the Texas Optometry Board as a Therapeutic Optometrist. |
| Special Requirements: **RWGA Only** | Vision care services must meet or exceed current U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV as applicable to vision care |

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| Recommendations: | Financial Eligibility: 400% |
| 1. Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same. | |
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| *Votes: Y=8; N=0; Abstentions = Castillo, Leisher, Rowe, Starr, Valdez* | | Additionally, a criterion for met need is evidence of an ART prescription, and clients cannot access LPAP until they are enrolled in Primary Care.<br>Continuum of Care: Primary Care, MCM, and LPAP support maintenance/retention in care and viral suppression for PLWH. | *LPAP/EFA: #2*<br>*Case Management: #3*<br>*Outreach: #14*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served:<br>*Primary Care: 9,722 (3.5% increase v. 2021)*<br>*LPAP: 6,454 (7% increase v. 2021)*<br>*Medical Case Mgmt: 5,320 (1% increase v. 2021)*<br>*EFA-Pharmacy: 3,127 (17.8% increase v. 2021)*<br>*Outreach: 994 (11% decrease v. 2021)*<br>*Non-Medical Case Mgmt, or Service Linkage: 8,431 (11.2% increase v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020):<br>*Primary Care/LPAP:* 79% of | Assistance, the public clinic's pharmacy program, private sector Patient Assistance Programs, and private pharmacy benefit programs, including federal health insurance marketplace participants<br>Medical Case Management: RW Part C and D<br>Service Linkage: RW Part C and D, HOPWA, and a grant from a private foundation<br>EHE Funding: RWGA received $1,794,295 in HRSA funding for Year 1 implementation of EHE activities. Houston Health Department (HHD) has | Linkage<br>- Results in desirable health outcomes for clients who access the service<br>- Referring and linking the status-unaware to Primary Care is the goal of the national and local EIIHA initiative<br>- Referring and linking the out-of-care to Primary Care is the goal of reducing unmet need<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to continuous HIV care, reducing unmet need, and viral load suppression<br>- Addresses specific activities from Strategy #3 of the Comprehensive Plan | No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | the AA 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: PriCare=300%, EFA=500%, MCM/SLW/ Outreach=none, LPAP=500%. |

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| | | | Primary Care clients and 78% of LPAP clients were virally suppressed;<br>*Medical Case Mgmt:* 50% of clients were in continuous HIV care following MCM; 68% of clients who received MCM were virally suppressed;<br>*Outreach:* 34% of clients accessed HIV care w/in 3 mos.; 45% were virally suppressed w/in 12 mos.;<br>*Non-Medical Case Mgmt, or Service Linkage:* 49% of clients were in continuous HIV care following Service Linkage<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing | received funding under PS19-1906 for Accelerating State and Local HIV Planning to End the HIV Epidemic. Several Houston area FQHCs received a combined total of $1,067,555 from HRSA's Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Grant.<br>Covered under QHP?<br>✔ Yes ___No | and addresses certain Special Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>This service is funded locally by other public and private sources for (1) specific Special Populations (e.g., WICY), (2) those meeting income, disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria, and (3) those with private sector health insurance. | | |

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| | | | needed services:<br>*Primary Care*: HL, 18-24, 25-49, Rural, OOC, MSM<br>*LPAP/EFA*: Females (sex at birth), HL, 25-49, Homeless, MSM, Rural<br>*Outreach*: Males (sex at birth), White, 18 – 24, Homeless, MSM, RR, Transgender<br>*Case Management:* Other/multiracial, Black/AA, 18-24, OOC, Transgender, RR, Homeless | | | | |

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| **Vision - Part A**<br>***Workgroup #1***<br>***Motion:** (Starr/Murray)*<br>*Votes: Y=11; N=0;*<br>*Abstentions= Leisher, Valdez* | ✔ Yes ___No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☐ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Continuum of Care: Vision services support maintenance/ retention in HIV care by increasing access to care and treatment for HIV-related and general ocular diagnoses. Untreated ocular diagnoses may act as logistical or financial barriers to HIV care. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services:*#5*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 2,659<br>*(13% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020):<br>750 diagnoses were reported for HIV-related ocular disorders, 97% of which were managed appropriately<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Females (sex at birth), Other/ multiracial, 18-24, Homeless, OOC | No known alternative funding sources exist for this service<br>Covered under QHP?*<br>___Yes ✔ No<br>*QHPs cover pediatric vision | No known alternative funding sources exist for this service | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>Currently bundled with Primary Care<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 400%. |

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| **Clinical Case Management - Part A**<br>***Workgroup #1***<br>***Motion:** (Starr/Rowe)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstentions= Leisher, Rowe, Valdez* | ✔ Yes ___No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Among PLWH with a history of unmet need, substance use is the #2 reason cited for falling out-of-care, making CCM is a strategy for preventing unmet need. CCM also addresses local priorities related to mental health and substance abuse co-morbidities<br>Continuum of Care: CCM supports maintenance/ retention in care and viral suppression for PLWH. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services:*#3*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 1,012<br>*(15.5% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020):<br>56% of clients were in continuous care following receipt of CCM. 73% of clients utilizing CCM were virally suppressed.<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services:<br>Other/multiracial, Black/AA, 18-24, OOC, Transgender, RR, Homeless | RW Part C<br>EHE Funding:<br>RWGA received $1,794,295 in HRSA funding for Year 1 implementation of EHE activities. Houston Health Department (HHD) has received funding under PS19-1906 for Accelerating State and Local HIV Planning to End the HIV Epidemic. Several Houston area FQHCs received a combined total of $1,067,555 from HRSA's Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Grant.<br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Is ranked as the #2 service need by PLWH<br>- Results in desirable health outcomes for clients who access the service<br>- Prevents unmet need by addressing co-morbidities related to substance abuse and mental health<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to continuous HIV care and reducing unmet need<br>- Addresses a system-level objective (#8) from the Comprehensive Plan and addresses certain Special | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: none. |

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| | | | | | Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other RW Parts for specific Special Populations and for clients served by specific funded agencies/programs only | | |
| **Case Management – Non-Medical - Part A**<br>(Service Linkage at testing sites)<br>***Workgroup #1***<br>***Motion:** (Starr/Rowe)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstentions= Leisher,* | ___Yes ✔No | ☒ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>EIIHA: The EMA's EIIHA Strategy identifies Service Linkage as a local strategy for attaining Goals #3-4 of the national EIIHA initiative. Additionally, linking the newly diagnosed into HIV care via | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services:*#3*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 127<br>*(1.5% increase v. 2021)* | RW Part C and D, HOPWA, and a grant from a private foundation<br>EHE Funding:<br>RWGA received $1,794,295 in HRSA funding for Year 1 implementation of EHE activities. Houston Health Department (HHD) has | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- Results in desirable health outcomes for clients who access the service<br>- Is a strategy for attaining national EIIHA goals locally<br>- Prevents the newly | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: none. |

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| *Rowe, Valdez* | | strategies such as Service Linkage fulfills the national, state, and local goal of linkage to HIV medical care ≤ 1 month of diagnosis. In 2018, 40% of the newly diagnosed in the EMA were *not* linked within this timeframe.<br>Unmet Need: Service Linkage at HIV testing sites is specifically designed to prevent newly diagnosed PLWH from falling out-of-care by facilitating entry into HIV primary care immediately upon diagnosis. In 2015, 12% of the newly diagnosed PLWH were not linked to care by the end of the year.<br>Continuum of Care: Service | Outcomes (FY2020): Following Service Linkage, 49% of clients were in continuous HIV care, and 50% accessed HIV primary care for the first time<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Other/multiracial, Black/AA, 18-24, OOC, Transgender, RR, Homeless | received funding under PS19-1906 for Accelerating State and Local HIV Planning to End the HIV Epidemic. Several Houston area FQHCs received a combined total of $1,067,555 from HRSA's Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Grant.<br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | diagnosed from having unmet need<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to linkage to care<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>This service is funded locally by other RW Parts for specific Special Populations and for clients served by specific funded agencies/programs only | Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | |

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| | | Linkage supports linkage to care, maintenance/retention in care and viral suppression for PLWH. | | | | | |
| **Emergency Financial Assistance – Other - Part A**<br>***Workgroup #3***<br>***Motion:** (Boyle/Galley)*<br>*Votes: Y=11; N=0;*<br>*Abstention= Leisher, Stacy* | ___Yes ✔ No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☐ Unmet Need<br>☐ Continuum of Care<br>This service started 03/01/21. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>N/A<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 116<br>*(19.5% increase v. 2021)* | This service was initially provided through a grant during COVID-19 epidemic.<br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? Yes | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the financial eligibility the same at 400%, and keep the service definition the same with the understanding that the Quality Improvement Committee may add additional services based upon additional information, which is to be provided soon. |

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| **Health Insurance Premium and Co-Pay Assistance**<br>**- Part A, Part B, and State Services**<br><br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Rowe/Murray)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;* | ✔ Yes __No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Reductions in unmet need can be aided by *preventing* PLWH from lapsing their HIV care. This service category can directly prevent unmet need by removing financial barriers to HIV care for those who are eligible for public | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: #7<br>*% of RW clients with health insurance: 38%*<br>*% of RW clients with Marketplace coverage: 10%*<br>Service Utilization (2021): | No known alternative funding sources exist for this service, though consumers between 100% and 400% FPL may qualify for Advanced Premium Tax Credits (subsidies).<br>COBRA plans seems to have fewer out-of-pocket costs. | Justify the use of funds: This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Has limited or no alternative funding source<br>- Removes potential barriers to entry/retention in HIV care, thereby contributing to EIIHA goals and preventing unmet need | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>Yes, see attached service definitions for changes.<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition the same, keep the 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 |

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| *Abstention= Palmer* | | or private health insurance. Currently, 37% of RW clients have some form of health insurance, and 9% have Marketplace coverage. This service will assist those clients to remain in HIV care via all insurance resources; This will also be utilized to assist federal health insurance marketplace participants.<br>Continuum of Care*:* Health Insurance Assistance facilitates maintenance/ retention in care and viral suppression by increasing access to non-RW private and public medical and pharmaceutical coverage. The savings yielded by securing non-RW healthcare coverage for PLWH increases the amount of | # clients served: 2,357 *(5.3% increase v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020): 73.5% of health insurance assistance clients were virally suppressed<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Other / multiracial, HL, 25-49, Transgender, Homeless, MSM, Rural | Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | - Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to retention in care and reducing unmet need<br>- Supports federal health insurance marketplace participants<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- No, there is no known alternative funding for this service as designed | Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | among private physicians. |

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| | | funding available to provide other needed services throughout the Continuum of Care. | | | | | |
| **Hospice ‡**<br>***Workgroup #3***<br>***Motion:** (Boyle/Galley)*<br>*Votes: Y=12; N=0;*<br>*Abstention=Stacy* | ✔ Yes __No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Facilitating entry into/return of the out-of-care into primary care is the intent of reducing unmet need. Hospice contributes to this goal by providing facility-based skilled nursing and palliative care for those with a terminal diagnosis. This, in turn, may prevent PLWH from becoming out-of-care. In 2015, 19% of people with a Stage 3 HIV diagnosis were out-of-care in the EMA. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):N/a<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 29<br>*(3% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Chart Review (2019):<br>92% of charts had records of palliative therapy as ordered and 100% had medication administration records on file. Records indicated that bereavement counseling was offered to client's family in | Medicaid, Medicare<br>Covered under QHP?<br>✔ Yes ___No | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Prevents unmet need among PWA and those with co-occurring conditions<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to retention in care and reducing unmet need<br>- Addresses a system-level objective (#8) from the Comprehensive Plan and addresses certain Special | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care?<br>N/A | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 300%. |

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| | | Hospice ensures clients with co-morbidities remain in HIV care. As a result, this service also addresses local priorities related to mental health and substance abuse co-morbidities.<br>Continuum of Care: Hospice services support re-linkage and maintenance/retention in care for PLWH by providing facility-based skilled nursing and palliative care for those with a terminal diagnosis, preventing PLWH from falling out of care. | 10% of applicable cases.<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: N/a | | Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other public sources for those meeting income, disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria | | |

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| **Linguistic Services‡**<br>***Workgroup #3***<br>***Motion:** (Boyle/Galley)*<br>*Votes: Y=12; N=0;*<br>*Abstention=Leisher, Vargas* | ___Yes ✔ No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Facilitating entry into/return of the out-of-care into primary care is the intent of reducing unmet need. By eliminating language barriers in RW-funded HIV care, this service facilitates entry into care and helps prevent lapses in care for monolingual PLWH.<br>Continuum of Care: Linguistic Services support linkage to care, maintenance/retention in care, and viral suppression by eliminating language barriers and facilitating effective communication for non-Spanish monolingual PLWH. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):N/a<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 57<br>*(14% increase v. 2021)*<br>*48% of Linguistics clients were African American / African origin and 36% were Asian American / Asian origin*<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: N/a | RW providers must have the capacity to serve monolingual Spanish-speakers; Medicaid may provide language translation for *non-Spanish* monolingual clients<br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- Has limited or no alternative funding source<br>- Removes potential barriers to entry/retention in HIV care for monolingual PLWH, thereby contributing to EIIHA goals and preventing unmet need<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to retention in care and reducing unmet need<br>- Linguistic and cultural competence is a Guiding Principle of the Integrated Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>There is no waiting list at this time; however, the need for this service has the potential to exceed capacity due to new cohorts of languages spoken in the EMA/HSDA<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | Wg Motion: Update the justification chart and keep the financial eligibility the same at 300%. 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 all Ryan White funded services inclusive of people from all cultures. |

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| | | | | | or activity?<br>- No, there is no known alternative funding for this service as designed | | |
| **Medical Nutritional Supplements and Therapy - Part A**<br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Murray/Escamilla)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstention= Palmer* | ✔ Yes ___No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: The most commonly cited reason for referral to this service by a RW clinician is to mitigate side effects from HIV medication. Currently, 8% of PLWH report that side effects prevent them from taking HIV medication. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: *#10*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 518<br>*(12.6% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020): | No known alternative funding sources exist for this service<br>Covered under QHP?*<br>___Yes ✔ No<br>*Some QHPs may cover prescribed supplements | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Is ranked as the #9 service need by PLWH<br>- Has limited or no alternative funding source<br>- Results in desirable health outcomes for clients who access the service | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 400%. |

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| | | This service category eliminates potential barriers to HIV medication adherence by helping to alleviate side effects. In addition, evidence of an ART prescription is a criterion for met need.<br>Continuum of Care: Medical Nutrition Therapy facilitates viral suppression by allowing PLWH to mitigate HIV medication side effects with supplements, and increasing medication adherence. | 83% of medical nutritional therapy clients with wasting syndrome or suboptimal body mass improved or maintained their body mass index. 83% of Medical Nutritional Therapy clients were virally suppressed<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Females (sex at birth), Black/AA, 25-49, Homeless | | - Removes barriers to HIV medication adherence, thereby facilitating national, state, and local goals related to viral load suppression<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- Alternative funding for this service may be available through Medicaid. | Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | |

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| **Mental Health Services‡**<br>(Professional Counseling)<br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Galley/Rose)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstention= Palmer* | ✔ Yes ___No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Of 29% of 2016 Needs Assessment participants who reported falling out of care for >12 months since first entering care, 9% reported mental health concerns caused the lapse. Over half (57%) of participants recorded having a current mental health condition diagnosis, and 65% reported experiencing at least one mental/emotional distress symptom in the past 12 months to such an extent that they desired professional help. Mental Health Services offers professional counseling for those with a mental health | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: *#8*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 230<br>*(10% increase v. 2021)*<br>Chart Review (2019):<br>96% of clients had treatment plans reviewed and/or modified at least every 90 days. 100% of charts reviewed contained evidence of appropriate coordination across all medical care team members<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing | RW Part D (targets WICY), Medicaid, Medicare, private providers, and self-pay<br>Some services provided by MHMRA<br>Covered under QHP?<br>✔ Yes ___No | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Is ranked as the #7 service need by PLWH<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to retention in care and preventing unmet need<br>- Addresses a system-level objective (#8) from the Comprehensive Plan and addresses certain Special Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other public and private sources for (1) | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 500%. |

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| | | condition/concern, and, as a result, may help reduce lapses in HIV care. Mental Health Services also address local priorities related to mental health co-morbidities.<br>Continuum of Care: Mental Health Services facilitate linkage, maintenance/retention in care, and viral suppression by helping PLWH manage mental and emotional health concerns that may act as barriers to HIV care. | needed services: Females (sex at birth), Other / multiracial, White, RR, Rural, Homeless | | specific Special Populations (e.g., WICY), (2) those meeting income, disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria, and (3) those with private sector health insurance. | | |

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| **Oral Health**<br>Untargeted – Part B<br>Rural (North) – Part A<br><br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Galley/Rowe)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstention= Kelly* | ✔ Yes ___No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☐ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Continuum of Care: Oral Health services support maintenance in HIV care by increasing access to care and treatment for HIV-related and general oral health diagnoses. Untreated oral health diagnoses can create poor health outcomes and may act as a financial barrier to HIV care. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: *#4*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 3,053 *(2.6% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2019):<br>Oral Health Care – Rural Target: 99% of client charts had evidence of vital signs assessment, 92% had evidence of hard and soft tissue examinations, 94% had evidence of receipt of periodontal screening, and 99% had evidence of oral health education. | In FY12, Medicaid Managed Care expanded benefits to include oral health services<br>Covered under QHP*?<br>___Yes ✔ No<br>*Some QHPs cover pediatric dental; low-cost add-on dental coverage can be purchased in Marketplace | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Is ranked as the #4 service need by PLWH.<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by one other public sources for its Managed Care clients only | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>Yes, clients report waiting lists for this service<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 300%. |

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| | | | Oral Health Care – Untargeted: 99% had chart evidence for vital signs assessment at initial visit, 99% had updated health histories in their chart, 89% had a signed dental treatment plan established or updated within the last year, and 75% had chart evidence of receipt of oral health education including smoking cessation.<br><u>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services</u>: Females (sex at birth), Other / multiracial, White, 25-49, OOC, RR, MSM | | | | |

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| **Program Support: (WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET)** | | | | | | | |
| Council Support | ___Yes ✔ No | | | | | | |
| Project LEAP | ___Yes ✔ No | | | | | | |
| Blue Book | ___Yes ✔ No | | | | | | |
| **Referral for Health Care – ADAP Enrollment Workers (AEW)‡**<br>***Workgroup #1***<br>***Motion:** (Starr/Murray) Votes: Y=11; N=0; Abstentions= Leisher,* | ___Yes ✔ No<br>Referral For Health Care/Support Services – AIDS Drug Assistance Program Enrollment Worker at Ryan White Care Sites will fund one FTE ADAP enrollment worker per Ryan White Part A primary care | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Assistance submitting complete and accurate ADAP applications and re-certifications reduces unmet need by increasing the proportion of PLWH in the Houston EMA/HSDA with | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: *#6*<br>Service Utilization (2021*):<br># clients served: 6,852<br>**due to issues with the data system, service utilization is* | Beyond assistance offered in the provision of case management care coordination, there is currently no funding to support dedicated ADAP Enrollment Workers at Ryan White primary care sites. | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- State Services-Rebate (SS-R) funding is intended to ensure service continuation or bridge service gaps.<br>- ADAP medication | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>Placement of ADAP Enrollment Workers at each Ryan White primary care site will make this service more efficient and accessible than placement at a single site. | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 500%. |

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| *Valdez* | site. Each ADAP enrollment worker will meet with all potential new ADAP enrollees, explain ADAP program benefits and requirements, and assist clients with submission of complete, accurate ADAP applications, as well as appropriate re-certifications and attestations. | access to HIV medication coverage.<br>Continuum of Care: Increased access to HIV medication coverage supports medication adherence and viral suppression. | *not available for 2022.*<br>Chart Review (2019): 59% of AEW client had charts documented evidence of benefit applications completed as appropriate within 2 weeks the eligibility determination date. 59% had evidence of assistance provided to access health insurance or Marketplace plans. 73% had evidence of completed secondary reviews of ADAP applications before submission to THMP.<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Other / multiracial, White, 50+, MSM, Homeless, Transgender, Rural, RR | Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔No | coverage reduces use of LPAP funding.<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>No | Can we bundle this service?<br>N/a – this would be the only use of SS-R funding in the Houston EMA/HSDA<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | |

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| **Referral for Health Care – Incarcerated‡**<br>***Workgroup #3***<br>***Motion:** (Boyle/Escamilla) Votes: Y=11; N=0; Abstention=Rowe, Vargas.* | ___Yes ✔ No<br>In 2022, this service transitioned from Early Intervention Services to Referral for Health Care and Support Services to better align with the scope of services | ☒ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>EIIHA: Local jail policy mandates HIV testing within 14 days of incarceration, thereby identifying status-unaware members of this population. From 2016-2018, an estimated 693 PLWH were released from TDCJ into Harris County. | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149 | EHE Funding:<br>RWGA received $1,794,295 in HRSA funding for Year 1 implementation of EHE activities. Houston Health Department (HHD) has received funding under PS19-1906 for Accelerating State and Local HIV Planning to End the HIV Epidemic. Several Houston area FQHCs received a | Justify the use of funds: This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- Links those newly diagnosed in a local EMA jail to community-based HIV primary care upon release, thereby maintaining linkage to care for and preventing unmet need in this Special | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: none. |

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| | provided. No data is available yet. | During incarceration, 100% are linked to HIV care. This service ensures that the newly diagnosed identified in jail maintain their HIV care post-release by bridging re-entering PLWH into community-based primary care.<br>Unmet Need: PLWH re-entering the community are at risk of lapsing their HIV care upon release from incarceration. This service helps to prevent unmet need among this population by bridging re-entering PLWH into community-based primary care post-release.<br>Continuum of Care: This service supports linkage to care, maintenance/retention in care | | combined total of $1,067,555 from HRSA's Ending the HIV Epidemic-Primary Care HIV Prevention (PCHP) Grant.<br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔ No | Population<br>- Addresses specific activities from Strategy #3 of the Comprehensive Plan and addresses certain Special Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>No, there is no known alternative funding for this service as designed | Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | |

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| | | and viral suppression for PLWH. | | | | | |
| **Substance Abuse Treatment – Part A**<br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Rowe/Galley)*<br>*Votes: Y=10; N=0;*<br>*Abstention= Palmer* | ☑ Yes ☐ No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Among PLWH with a history of unmet need, substance use is the #2 reason cited for falling out-of-care. Therefore, Substance Abuse Treatment services can directly prevent or reduce unmet need. Substance Abuse Treatment also addresses local priorities related to substance abuse co-morbidities.<br>Continuum of Care: Substance Abuse Treatment facilitates linkage, maintenance/retention in care, and viral suppression by helping PLWH manage | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: *#12*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 10<br>*(61.5% decrease v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2019):<br>50% of clients accessed primary care at least once after receiving Substance Abuse Treatment services and 89% were virally suppressed.<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing | RW Part C, Medicaid, Medicare, private providers, and self-pay.<br>Some services provided by SAMHSA<br>Covered under QHP?<br>☑ Yes ☐ No | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Core Medical Service<br>- Removes potential barriers to early entry into HIV care, thereby contributing to EIIHA goals<br>- Prevents unmet need by addressing the #2 cause cited by PLWH for lapses in HIV care<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to continuous HIV care and reducing unmet need<br>- Addresses a system-level objective (#8) from the Comprehensive Plan and | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 400%. |

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| Service Category | Is this a core service?<br>If no, how does the service support access to core services & support clients achieving improved outcomes? | How does this service assist individuals *not in care** to access primary care?<br>**EIIHA: Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS* seeks to identify the status-unaware and link them into care<br>**Unmet Need:* Individuals diagnosed with HIV but with no evidence of care for 12 months<br>**Continuum of Care:* The continuum of interventions that begins with outreach and testing and concludes with HIV viral load suppression is generally referred to as the Continuum of HIV Care or Care Treatment Cascade.<br>**Ending the HIV Epidemic*: The local plan to end new HIV transmissions by addressing four strategies – diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond. | Documentation of Need<br>(Sources of Data include: 2020 Needs Assessment, 2022-2026 Integrated Plan, 2021 Ending the HIV Epidemic Plan, 2018 Outcome Measures, 2018 Chart Reviews, Clinical Quality Management Committee reports, Special Studies, Surveys and HIV and COVID-19 related documents and more)<br>Which populations experience disproportionate need for and/or barriers to accessing this service? | Identify non-Ryan White Part A, Part B/ non-State Services, or Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative funding sources to identify if there is duplicate/alternative funding or the need to fill in a gap.<br>Is this service typically covered under a Qualified Health Plan (QHP)? | Justify the use of Ryan White Part A, Part B and State Services funds for this service.<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity? | Service Efficiency<br>Can we make this service more efficient? For:<br>a) Clients<br>b) Providers<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care?<br>*Examples:*<br>a) Youth transitioning into adult care<br>b) Recently released individuals<br>c) Postpartum individuals no longer needing OB care<br>d) Transgender individuals<br>e) Aging adults (50+)<br>f) Other marginalized populations | Recommendation(s)<br>As part of the 2022 Integrated HIV Prevention and Care Services Plan, it is recommended that the Racial Justice Health Services Assessment and the Quality of Life Assessment be developed and piloted. (*Motion approved by QI 03/15/22)* |
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| | | substance use that may act as barriers to HIV care. | needed services: Black/AA, 18-24, RR, Homeless | | addresses certain Special Populations named in the Plan<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other public and private sources for (1) those meeting income, disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria, and (2) those with private sector health insurance. | | |

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| **Case Management – Non-Medical - State Services‡**<br>(Targeting Substance Use Disorders)<br><br>***Workgroup #2***<br>***Motion:** (Murray/Galley) Votes: Y=7; N=0; Abstentions= Kelly, Palmer, Rowe, Titus.* | ___Yes ✔No | ☒ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>EIIHA: The EMA's EIIHA Strategy identifies Service Linkage as a local strategy for attaining Goals #3-4 of the national EIIHA initiative. Additionally, linking the newly diagnosed into HIV care via strategies such as Service Linkage fulfills the national, state, and local goal of linkage to HIV medical care ≤ 3 months of diagnosis. In 2015, 19% of the newly diagnosed in the EMA were *not* linked within this timeframe.<br>Unmet Need: Service Linkage at HIV testing sites is specifically designed to prevent newly | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank of all types of case management w/in funded services: *#3*<br>Service Utilization (2022):<br># clients served: 173<br>(45% decrease v. 2021)<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services:<br>*Case Management:*<br>Other/multiracial, Black/AA, 18-24, OOC, Transgender, RR, Homeless | This service was previously funded under SAMHSA.<br><br>Covered under QHP?<br>___Yes ✔No | Justify the use of funds: This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- Results in desirable health outcomes for clients who access the service<br>- Is a strategy for attaining national EIIHA goals locally<br>- Prevents the newly diagnosed from having unmet need<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to linkage to care<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other RW Parts for specific Special Populations and for clients served by | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No<br>Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, keep the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: none. |

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| | | diagnosed PLWH from falling out-of-care by facilitating entry into HIV primary care immediately upon diagnosis. In 2015, 12% of the newly diagnosed PLWH were not linked to care by the end of the year.<br>Continuum of Care: Service Linkage supports linkage to care, maintenance/retention in care and viral suppression for PLWH. | | | specific funded agencies/programs only | | |
| **Transportation – Pt A**<br>(Van-based, bus passes & gas vouchers)<br>***Workgroup #3***<br>***Motion:** (Boyle/Galley)* | ___Yes ✔ No | ☐ EIIHA<br>☒ Unmet Need<br>☒ Continuum of Care<br>Unmet Need: Lack of transportation is the *fourth* most commonly-cited barrier among PLWH to accessing HIV core | Epi (2019):<br>Current # of living HIV cases in EMA: 30,149<br>Need (2020):<br>Rank w/in funded services: #9<br>Service Utilization (2022): | Medicaid, RW Part D (small amount of funds for parking and other transportation needs), and by other public sources for (1) specific Special Populations (e.g., WICY), and (2) those meeting income, | Justify the use of funds:<br>This service category:<br>- Is a HRSA-defined Support Service<br>- Is ranked as the #2 need among Support Services by PLWH | Can we make this service more efficient?<br>No<br>Can we bundle this service?<br>No | **Wg Motion:** Update the justification chart, add ride sharing to the service definition and the financial eligibility the same: 400%. |

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| *Votes: Y=11; N=0; Abstention= Vargas* | | medical services. Transportation services eliminate this barrier to care, thereby supporting PLWH in continuous HIV care.<br>Continuum of Care: Transportation supports linkage, maintenance/retention in care, and viral suppression by helping PLWH attend HIV primary care visits, and other vital services. | # clients served:<br>*Van-based: 946 (15% decrease v. 2021)*<br>*Bus pass: 1,334 (5.9% increase v. 2021)*<br>Outcomes (FY2020): 67% of clients accessed primary care at least once after using van transportation; and 37% of clients accessed primary care after using bus pass services.<br>Pops. with difficulty accessing needed services: Females (sex at birth), Other / multiracial, White, Homeless, OOC, RR | disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria.<br>EHE funding provides ridesharing with no financial eligibility.<br>Covered under QHP*?<br>___Yes ✔ No | - Results in clients accessing HIV primary care<br>- Removes potential barriers to entry/retention in HIV care, thereby contributing to EIIHA goals and preventing unmet need<br>- Facilitates national, state, and local goals related to continuous HIV care and reducing unmet need<br>Is this a duplicative service or activity?<br>- This service is funded locally by other public sources for (1) specific Special Populations (e.g., WICY), and (2) those meeting income, disability, and/or age-related eligibility criteria. | Has a recent capacity issue been identified?<br>No<br>Does this service assist special populations to access primary care? | |

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| Service Category | Justification for Discontinuing the Service |
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| **Part 2: Services *allowed* by HRSA but not offered by Part A, Part B or State Services funding in the Houston EMA/HSDA as of 03-01-23**<br>***In order for any of the services listed below to be considered for funding, a New Idea Form must be submitted to the Office of Support for the Ryan White Planning Council no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2023. This form is available by calling the Office of Support: 832 927-7926*** | |
| **Ambulatory/Outpatient Primary Medical Care – Pediatric** (incl. Medical Case Management and Service Linkage) | Service available from alternative sources. |
| **Buddy Companion/Volunteerism** | Low use, need and gap according to the 2002 Needs Assessment (NA). |
| **Childcare Services** (In Home Reimbursement; at Primary Care sites) | Primary care sites have alternative funding to provide this service so clients will continue to receive the service through alternative sources. |
| **Food Pantry** (Urban) | Service available from alternative sources. |
| **HE/RR** | In order to eliminate duplication, eliminate this service but strengthen the patient education component of primary care. |
| **Home and Community-based Health Services** (In-home services) | Category unfunded due to difficulty securing vendor. |
| **Home and Community-based Health Services** (facility-based) | Category unfunded due to many years of underutilization. |
| **Housing Assistance** (Emergency rental assistance)<br>**Housing Related Services** (Housing Coordination) | According to the HOPWA representative, they provide significant funding for emergency rent and utility assistance. (See City Council approved allocations.)<br>But, HOPWA does not give emergency shelter vouchers because they feel there are shelters for this purpose and because it is more prudent to use limited resources to provide long-term housing. |
| **Minority Capacity Building Program** | The Capacity Building program targeted to minority substance abuse providers was a one-year program in FY2004. |
| **Outreach Services** | Significant alternative funding. |
| **Psychosocial Support Services** (Counseling/Peer) | Duplicates patient education program in primary care and case management. The boundary between peer and client gets confusing and difficult to supervise. Not cost effective, costs almost as much per client as medical services. |
| **Rehabilitation** | Service available from alternative sources. |

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# TARGETING FOR FY 2024 SERVICE CATEGORIES FOR RYAN WHITE PART A, B, MAI AND STATE SERVICES FUNDING

| HIV Prevalence | AIDS Prevalence | HIV / AIDS Prevalence | Geographic Targeting | Other Targeting | N/A or No Targeting | Service Category |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | X* | X** | | **Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care** |
| | | | X* | X | | **Case Management Services - Core** |
| | | | | X | | **Case Management Services - Non-Core** |
| | | | | | X | **Emergency Financial Assistance - Other** |
| | | | | | X | **Emergency Financial Assistance - Pharmacy Assistance** |
| | | | | | X | **Health Insurance** |
| | | | | | X | **Hospice Services** |
| | | | | | X | **Linguistic Services** |
| | | | | | X | **Local Pharmacy Assistance Program** |
| | | | | | X | **Medical Nutritional Therapy** |
| | | | | | X | **Mental Health Treatment** |
| | | | | | X**** | **Outreach Services - Primary Care Retention in Care** |
| | | | X*** | | X | **Oral Health** |
| | | | | X | X‡ | **Referral for Health Care -** ADAP Enrollment Workers‡ & Incarcerated |
| | | | | | X | **Substance Abuse Treatment** |
| | | | X | X | | **Transportation Services** |
| | | | | | X | **Vision** |

* Geographic targeting in rural area only.

** In an effort to provide a base line that reflects actual client utilization for community based organizations base this percentage on the FY 2021 final expenditures that targeted African Americans, Whites and Hispanics

*** Geographic targeting in the north only

**** Pay particular attention to youth who are transitioning into adult care.

# 2023 Quarterly Report
# Quality Improvement Committee
(May 2023)

**Status of Committee Goals and Responsibilities (*means mandated by HRSA)**

1. Conduct the "How to Best Meet the Needs" (HTBMN) process, with particular attention to the continuum of care with respect to HRSA identified core services.

2. Develop a process for including consumer input that is proactive and consumer friendly for the Standards of Care and Performance Measures review process.

3. Continue to improve the information, processes and reporting (within the committee and also thru collaboration with other Planning Council committees) needed to:
   a. Identify "The Unmet Need";
   b. Determine "How to Best Meet the Needs";
   c. *Strengthen and improve the description and measurement of medical and health related outcomes.

4. *Identify and review the required information, processes and reporting needed to assess the "Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism". Focus on the status of specific actions and related time-framed based information concerning the efficiency of the administrative mechanism operation in the areas of:
   a. Planning fund use (meeting RWPC identified needs, services and priorities);
   b. Allocating funds (reporting the existence/use of contract solicitation, contract award and contract monitoring processes including any time-frame related activity);
   c. Distributing funds (reporting contract/service/re-imbursement expenditures and status, as well as, reporting contract/service utilization information).

5. Annually, review the status of committee activities identified in the current Comprehensive Plan.

**Status of Tasks on the Timeline:**

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Committee Chairperson Date