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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Colleagues,

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) is pleased to release Policy Notice (PN) 21-01, *Waiver of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Core Medical Services Expenditure Requirement*. Effective October 1, 2021, this policy notice replaces HRSA HAB PN 13-07 *Uniform Standard for Waiver of Core Medical Services Requirement for Grantees Under Parts, A, B, and C*¹ and simplifies the process for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Parts A, B, and C recipients to request a waiver of the core medical services expenditure amount requirement.

In administering the RWHAP, HRSA HAB continually assesses its policies and program guidance to identify ways to streamline processes and reduce administrative burden. On April 20, 2021, HRSA HAB published the proposed policy in the Federal Register and provided an overview of the proposed policy changes during the April 27, 2021 "HAB U Heard" RWHAP recipient webinar. We are thankful to the RWHAP stakeholder community for the feedback provided, which we carefully considered in finalizing the policy.

With PN 21-01, HRSA HAB has simplified the process by which RWHAP recipients may request waivers of the core medical services expenditure amount requirement. RWHAP Parts A, B, and C recipients may now submit a one-page "HRSA RWHAP Core Medical Services Waiver Request Attestation Form" to HRSA HAB, attesting that the underlying statutory and policy requirements for requesting a core medical services waiver have been met. HRSA HAB may request additional information or supporting documentation from the recipient. The policy changes reduce the administrative burden for recipients by lessening the documentation that must be submitted to HRSA HAB when RWHAP recipients request waivers. Also, HRSA HAB revised the deadlines to submit waiver requests to better align with programmatic processes and provide sufficient time for HRSA HAB to review and process waiver requests.

HRSA HAB will continue to monitor the implementation and effectiveness of PN 21-01. We appreciate your dedication and remain committed to working with RWHAP recipients to reduce burden in accordance with applicable laws and requirements.

Sincerely,

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¹ HRSA HAB Policy Notice 13-07 Uniform Standard for Waiver of Core Medical Services Requirement for Grantees Under Parts, A, B, and C <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Global/13-07waiver.pdf>