



HIV/AIDS Bureau

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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Colleagues:

The HIV Care Continuum provides the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) with measurable outcomes for the provision of quality care for people living with HIV (PLWH). The HIV Care Continuum addresses five stages of engagement in HIV care and treatment: (1) Diagnosis of HIV Infection; (2) Linkage to Care; (3) Retention in Care; (4) Receipt of Antiretroviral Therapy; and (5) Achievement of Viral Suppression. The provision of RWHAP services in support of the HIV Care Continuum can advance the progress toward reaching the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy including improving health outcomes and reducing HIV-related disparities.

Although the RWHAP does not fund service categories specifically matching the HIV Care Continuum stages, there are a number of service categories that support the five stages. While we understand that some RWHAP grantees have already explored the implementation of new service models and initiatives, the purpose of the attached crosswalk is to highlight for all grantees those services that most directly support improved outcomes along the continuum. Based on an assessment of the services and gaps in the HIV Care Continuum within a jurisdiction or service area, planning bodies and grantees may identify specific service categories to fund. Funded service categories should facilitate improvements at specific stages of the HIV Care Continuum.

Thank you for your continued commitment to ensuring that the RWHAP provides a comprehensive system of quality care and positive outcomes for PLWH. If you have additional questions, please contact your project officer.

Sincerely,  
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The purpose of the crosswalk is to highlight those services that most directly support improved outcomes that support the care continuum. Note: this table is not meant to be an exhaustive list of services provided by RWHAP

|                              |  | <a href="#">HIV<br/>Diagnosis</a> | <a href="#">Linked to<br/>Medical<br/>Care</a> | <a href="#">Retained<br/>in<br/>Medical<br/>Care</a> | <a href="#">Prescribed<br/>ART</a> | <a href="#">Viral<br/>Suppression</a> |
|------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|--|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Core Medical Services</b> |  |                                   |  |  |                                    |                                       |
| RWHAP Part                   | Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Service            |                                   |  |  |                                    |                                       |
| B                            | AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments |                                   | X <sup>1</sup>                                 | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B                         | AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance                 |                                   |  |  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B                         | Early Intervention Services (EIS)              | X                                 | X  |  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C                      | Home and Community-Based Health Services       |                                   |  | X  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C                      | Home Health Care                               |                                   |  | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B, C, D                   | Medical Case Management                        |                                   | X  | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B, C, D                   | Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services          | X                                 | X  | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B, C, D                   | Substance Abuse Outpatient Care                |                                   | X  | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| <b>Support Services</b>      |  |                                   |  |  |                                    |                                       |
| RWHAP Part                   | Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Service            |                                   |  |  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C, D                   | Case Management Services (Non-Medical)         |                                   | X  | X  | X                                  | X                                     |
| A, B, C, D                   | Health Education/ Risk Reduction               |                                   | X  | X  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C, D                   | Medical Transportation                         |                                   | X  | X  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C, D                   | Outreach Services                              | X                                 | X  | X  |                                    |                                       |
| A, B, C, D                   | Treatment Adherence Counseling                 |                                   |  |  | X                                  | X                                     |

<sup>1</sup> Part B Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) funding is specifically for education and outreach to improve access to medication assistance programs, including ADAP