

Rockville, MD 20857 HIV/AIDS Bureau

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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Partners,

On August 4, 2022, the monkeypox (MPx) outbreak was declared a public health emergency in the U.S. From the outset, the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) engaged with federal partners across the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), to provide resources to combat the accelerating spread of MPx, help health care providers who are treating patients who have MPx, and ensure those who are indicated for vaccination are at the focus of our response efforts.

HHS has authorized HRSA to receive an allotment of the JYNNEOS vaccine for MPx for rapid distribution to Ryan White HIVAIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients. HRSA was identified as a distribution point due to the health care services provided to individuals with HIV and the large number of uninsured and underinsured patients seen in dually-funded RWHAP and Health Center Programs. This allotment is meant to supplement, not replace, vaccine efforts at jurisdictional levels.

To expedite the dispensing of the JYNNEOS vaccine, HRSA will be providing the vaccine to dually-funded RWHAP Part C providers that care for a significant number of men who have sex with men and transgender persons. The identified providers already have access to the Health Partner Order Portal, which will aid in quickly getting the vaccine to clients. If you have any questions about this vaccine distribution initiative, please contact: DCHAP_MPX@hrsa.gov.

We encourage you to visit HRSA's <u>Monkeypox Information</u> web page to stay up to date on the MPx outbreak and access MPx resources, including press releases, fact sheets, webinars, and informational videos. We will be updating this web page regularly as new resources and information are available.

Please also visit and bookmark these resources from the CDC on managing MPx for people with HIV: Clinical Considerations for Treatment and Prophylaxis of Monkeypox Virus Infection in People with HIV and Interim Guidance for Prevention and Treatment of Monkeypox in Persons with HIV Infection.

Thank you for working with us to support the health and safety of people with HIV during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

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