

# Part F: Dental Programs

## HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program



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The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. Over half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—more than 576,000 people in 2021—receive services through RWHAP each year. First authorized in 1990, RWHAP funds grants to states, cities, counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission. In 2021, 89.7 percent of RWHAP clients receiving HIV medical care were virally suppressed, which means they cannot sexually transmit HIV to their partners and can live longer and healthier lives. For more than three decades, RWHAP has worked to stop HIV stigma and reduce health disparities by caring for the whole person and addressing their social determinants of health.



Funds from all Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients may support providing oral health services. However, two programs under RWHAP Part F specifically fund oral health care for people with HIV:

- The Dental Reimbursement Program (DRP)
- The Community-Based Dental Partnership Program (CBDPP)

In addition to funding oral health services, these programs also fund education and training of oral health providers to expand provider capacity.

### Recipients and Eligibility

The DRP and CBDPP recipients are dental education programs seeking to improve their response to the HIV epidemic in their area. Eligible applicants for both the DRP and the CBDPP are institutions that have dental or dental hygiene education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. These could include—

- Dental schools
- Hospitals with postdoctoral dental residency programs
- Community colleges with dental hygiene programs

### Dental Reimbursement Program

The DRP expands access to oral health care for people with HIV while training additional dental and dental hygiene providers. To achieve its goal, the DRP reimburses accredited dental schools, schools of dental hygiene, and postdoctoral dental education programs.

### Community-Based Dental Partnership Program

The CBDPP increases access to oral health care for people with HIV by providing education and clinical training for dental care providers, especially those practicing in community-based settings. To achieve its goal, the CBDPP works through multi-partner collaborations between dental and dental hygiene education programs and community-based dentists and dental clinics. Community-based program partners help design programs and assess their impact.

### Funding Considerations

Congress appropriated approximately \$13.6 million for Part F Dental Programs in fiscal year 2023.

# HRSA's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Oral Health Data: 2020

## RWHAP PARTS A–D ORAL HEALTH SERVICES

In 2020 **70,258**

clients received oral health services from

**524** RWHAP-funded providers



**57.1%** of clients were living at or below 100% of the federal poverty level



**71.7%** of clients were from racial and ethnic minorities

## RWHAP PART F DENTAL PROGRAMS\*

From  
**JULY 2019**  
**THROUGH**  
**DECEMBER**  
**2020\*\***



**10,768**

received  
**HIV didactic instruction**

**6,523**

provided  
**clinical care to people with HIV**

**23,009**

clients received  
**oral health services**

\* RWHAP Part F Dental Programs include the Dental Reimbursement Program (DRP) and the Community-Based Dental Partnership Program (CBDPP).

\*\* DRP data are from July 2019 through June 2020; CBDPP data are from January 2020 through December 2020.

## RWHAP PART F AIDS EDUCATION AND TRAINING CENTER (AETC) PROGRAM

From **JULY 2019** **THROUGH** **JUNE 2020** RWHAP AETCs



conducted **281**  
trainings that **addressed**  
oral health care topics



reached  
**5,085**  
trainees

Source: Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Oral Health Data Report, 2020. Published February 2023.



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