

# Program Administration

## 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.



The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) administers the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and has a critical role in helping to diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond to HIV as part of the federal *Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.* (EHE) initiative. HAB's Office of the Associate Administrator manages the Bureau; provides leadership and direction for HRSA's HIV/AIDS programs and activities, including RWHAP; serves as the focal point for organizational development; and oversees collaboration with other national and federal public health programs.

HAB has six additional offices and divisions:

- **The Division of Metropolitan HIV/AIDS Programs** administers Part A of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.
- **The Division of State HIV/AIDS Programs** administers Part B and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.
- **The Division of Community HIV/AIDS Programs** administers Parts C and D of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. This Division also administers the Dental Programs under Part F, including the HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program and the Community-Based Dental Partnership Program.
- **The Division of Policy and Data** serves as HAB's focal point for program data collection and evaluation, quality improvement, coordination of program performance activities, clinical evaluation, development of policy guidance, and development of analyses and reports to support HIV/AIDS decision-making. The Division also administers Part F of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 through the Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program. Using an implementation science framework, SPNS supports the development, evaluation, and dissemination of evidence-informed and innovative models of care and treatment to improve health outcomes, increase viral suppression, and reduce HIV transmission, which enables people with HIV to live longer and healthier lives.
- **The Office of Operations and Management** provides administrative and fiscal guidance to and support for HAB. The Office is responsible for all budget execution tasks, personnel actions, contracting services, technological support, and facilities management.

- **The Office of Program Support** serves as HAB's focal point for workforce development, technical assistance and training, communication and information dissemination, community engagement, grants management, and recipient oversight and support. The Office also administers Part F of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 through the AIDS Education and Training Center Program that trains health care team members and builds the capacity of organizations to provide HIV care and treatment across the United States.

### **Funding Considerations**

HRSA's RWHAP is authorized and funded under Title XXVI of the Public Health Services Act, as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009. Congress appropriated nearly \$2.6 billion for RWHAP and HAB EHE in fiscal year 2023.

