


HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) Updates

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Vision: Healthy Communities, Healthy People



Financial Relationships With Ineligible Companies (Formerly Described as Commercial Interests by the ACCME) Within the Last 2 Years:

Dr Cheever has no financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose. (Updated 09/26/22)

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Session Agenda

- Data Updates
- Policy Highlights
- Programmatic Review
- Questions and Answers



Data Update

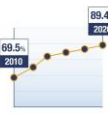


2020 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program By the Numbers

RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (RWHP) SERVED **561,416** clients in 2020

MORE THAN 50% of people with diagnosed HIV in the United States

89.4% of RWHP clients receiving HIV medical care reached viral suppression* in 2020



73.6% of clients are from racial/ethnic minority populations**

6.9% TEMPORARY HOUSING

47.9% of RWHP clients are aged 50 and older

60.9% of clients are living at or below 100% of the Federal Poverty Level

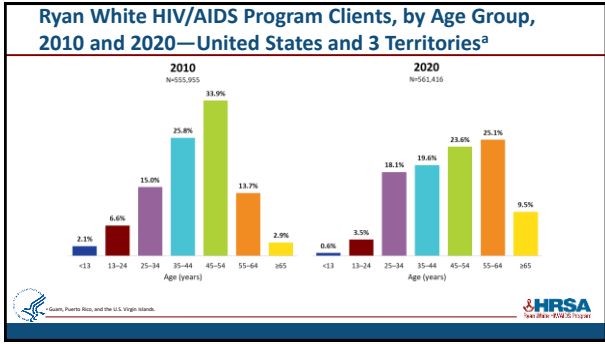
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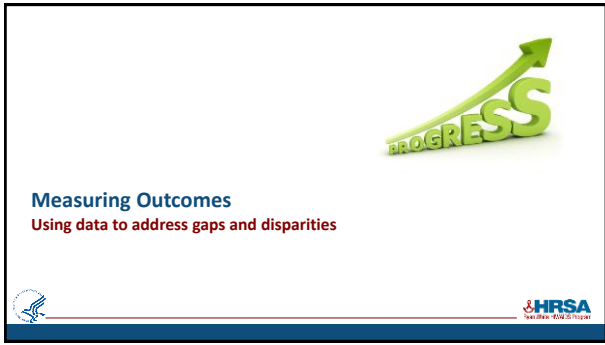
of clients identified as Hispanic/Latino

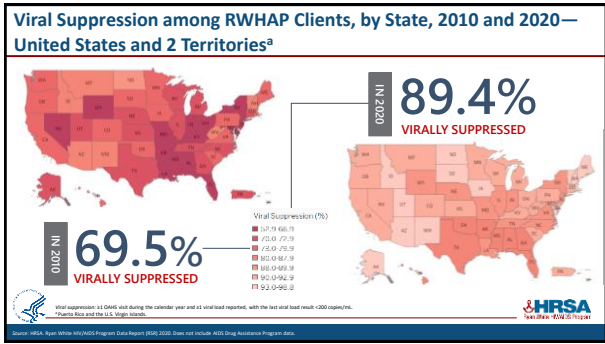
46.6%

of clients identified as Black/African American

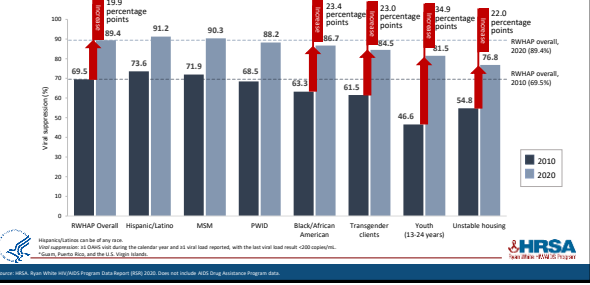








Significant progress has been made in viral suppression among priority populations, but inequities remain, particularly among Black/African American clients, transgender clients, youth aged 13–24 years, and clients with unstable housing.



Promoting Health Equity

- Engage the Community:** We engage community directly, have developed a community engagement framework, and the RWHAP legislation has requirements for community engagement and partnership.
- Support Continuous Quality Improvement:** We help our recipients set goals, monitor performance measures, and oversee quality improvement projects.
- Service Delivery:** The RWHAP addresses Social Determinants of Health such as housing, food, and transportation, as well as clinical services.
- Utilize data:** We use data to inform decision making to address health disparities, and the RWHAP legislation requires the same of our recipients.
- Employ Implementation Science:** We use implementation science in practice, program, and policy. This includes:
 - ✓ Collating and disseminating evidence-informed interventions
 - ✓ Building capacity of community-based organizations

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Updated Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Compass Dashboard


➤ User-Friendly
➤ Interactive
➤ Visual

The RWHAP Compass Dashboard allows users to view national-, state-, and metro area-level data and to explore RWHAP client characteristics, and outcomes, including age, housing status, transmission category, and viral suppression.

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To access, visit <https://data.hrsa.gov/topics/hiv-aids/compass-dashboard>

RWHAP Recipient Best Practices Compilation



The RWHAP Best Practices Compilation gathers and disseminates interventions that improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum.

Search and share today!
[tsa@hiv.org/bestpractices/search](https://www.hrsa.gov/bestpractices/search)

RWHAP Best Practices Compilation
Document Registration Form


Search
 The RWHAP community can easily search and identify intervention strategies that have been successful in improving HIV care for clients.

Share
 RWHAP-funded organizations can submit information about interventions that have worked in their program to support replication by other RWHAP recipients or subscribers. **Submit yours today!**
<https://www.hrsa.gov/bestpractices/submitform>

RWHAP Best Practices Compilation

The RWHAP Best Practices Compilation is designed to accelerate knowledge sharing and includes:

- 1. Emerging Interventions (EIs)
- 2. Evidence-informed interventions (EIs)
- 3. Evidence-based interventions (EBIs)





Policy Highlights



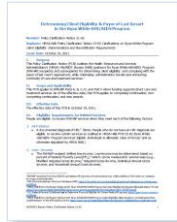
Waiver of the RWHAP Core Medical Services Expenditure Requirement

- Simplifies the process by which Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Parts A, B, or C recipients request waivers of the statutory Core Medical Services Expenditure amount requirements
- **Reduces the amount of documentation RWHAP recipients must submit, thereby reducing burden**
 - *One-Page Attestation Form*
- PN 21-01 replaces Policy Notice 13-07
 - [HAB Policy Notices and Program Letters](#)
- Effective Date: October 1, 2021

RWHAP Policy Clarification Notice 21-02

- This Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) outlines the HRSA HAB guidance for RWHAP recipients and subrecipients for determining client eligibility and complying with the payor of last resort requirement, **while minimizing administrative burden and enhancing continuity of care and treatment services.**



RWHAP Policy Clarification Notice 21-02, cont.



Timely Eligibility Confirmation

- Recipients and subrecipients:
- ✓ Must conduct timely eligibility confirmations, **in accordance with their policies and procedures**, to assess if the client's income and/or residency status has changed



Six Month Recertification Requirement

- ✓ Are permitted to **accept a client's self-attestation of "no change"** when confirming eligibility, although HRSA HAB does not recommend relying solely on client self-attestation indefinitely
- ✓ **Should not disenroll** clients until a formal confirmation has been made that the client is no longer eligible



Gender Affirming Care in the RWHAP Program Letter

- Reaffirms the importance of providing **culturally-affirming health care and social services to the transgender community**
- Letter is **not** new policy or approach to the services delivered by the RWHAP
- Accessible via: <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/About/RyanWhite/gender-affirming-care-in-the-rwhap.pdf>



COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Unwinding

- As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Secretary of Health and Human Services issued the public health emergency (PHE) declaration on January 31, 2020. HHS has indicated it will give states at least 60 days' notice before allowing the PHE to expire.
- Congress established a "continuous enrollment" condition. This means that no one was deemed ineligible for Medicaid or CHIP and lost their coverage during the pandemic.
- CMS [released updated guidance](#) regarding redeterminations of Medicaid beneficiary eligibility for when the public health emergency (PHE) ends.
- According to some estimates, when states resume these reviews, up to 15 million people could be deemed ineligible and lose their current Medicaid or CHIP coverage.



Monkeypox Updates



Supporting RWHAP Recipients and Subrecipients

- Distributed a Dear Colleague Letter on MPx to RWHAP recipients and subrecipients on **August 8, 2022**, to provide clarification on how RWHAP funds may be used to assist with monkeypox testing, vaccination, and treatment.
- Created a [Monkeypox Information web page](#) on the HAB website that houses HHS, CDC, and HRSA resources on MPx.



<https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ryanwhite/grants/monkeypox-guidance-dear-colleague.pdf>



Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programmatic Review



Addressing Syndemic: HIV, STIs, and Viral Hepatitis



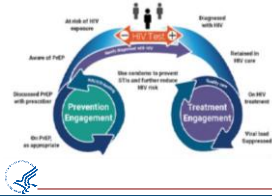
- HRSA has developed an **implementation response** to provide activities in support of the goals of NHAS and the National STI and Viral Hepatitis Strategic Plans.
- Activities address not only HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs, - but also other components of the syndemic that exacerbate these conditions within certain communities.



A Status-Neutral “Whole Person” Approach to HIV

Status Neutral High-Impact HIV Prevention

HIV Status-Neutral Service Delivery Model



- RWHAP legislation provides funds to be used for the care and treatment of **people diagnosed with HIV**
- HAB encourages recipients to leverage the existing RWHAP infrastructure
 - Risk reduction counseling
 - Targeted HIV testing
 - Referral to PrEP services
- HAB will continue to work towards linking people with HIV to essential HIV care and treatment, and to support services



Four Pillars of Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE)

75% reduction in new HIV diagnoses in 5 years and a **90%** reduction in 10 years.



Diagnose
All people with HIV as early as possible.



Treat
People with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression.



Prevent
New HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs).



Respond
Quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.



Future Challenge: Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S.

Ending the HIV Epidemic

- People with HIV in care**
 - Improve viral suppression rates
 - Decrease disparities
- People newly diagnosed with HIV**
 - Enhance linkage to care
 - Enhance engagement in care
- People with HIV out of care**
 - Expand re-engagement in care
 - Improve retention in care

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New: RWHAP SPNS Initiative Emerging Strategies to Improve Outcomes for People Aging with HIV (August 2022 – July 2025)

Purpose: Strengthen the evidence base for the screening and management of manage comorbidities, geriatric conditions, behavioral health, and psychosocial needs of people aged 50 years and older with HIV.

- Funded a capacity building provider, evaluation provider, and 10 demonstration sites
- Work together using the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau implementation science framework
- Implement emerging intervention to comprehensively screen and manage:
 - Comorbidities,
 - Geriatric conditions,
 - Behavioral health, and
 - Psychosocial needs
- Assess the uptake and integration of emerging intervention
- Disseminate the emerging intervention across the entire Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

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Collaboration with the Administration for Community Living (ACL)



- Ongoing partnership with the ACL:
- To foster safe, high quality health care for the aging population
 - To share information about RWHAP and hear from ACL about their program and services
 - To leverage support and enhance networks for older adults who are aging with HIV

On October 22, 2021, HRSA and ACL collaborated on a national webinar



Discussion



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