Listening Session:

Navigating the health coverage landscape and developing organizational partnerships to support older adults with HIV

HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)

Division of State HIV/AIDS Programs (DSHAP)

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Learning objectives

By the end of this session, participants will be able to:

- Describe the age-related demographics of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) client population and associated implications for RWHAP Part B, including AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

- Understand what resources are available to support RWHAP clients to enroll into Medicare

- Recall strategies that other jurisdictions are implementing to support access to and maintenance of health coverage for aging RWHAP clients

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Introductions

Discussion Format

- Overview of data and needs assessment findings

- Open discussion with leading questions
- Raise your hand for a mic
- *Virtual participants:* please place your questions/comments in the chat box
- When you speak or chat in, please share your name, role, organization and state
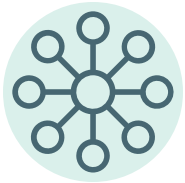
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Overview of HIV and aging data

The ACE TA Center

helps organizations

Engage, enroll, and retain
clients in health coverage (e.g., Marketplace and other private health insurance, Medicare, Medicaid).

Communicate with RWHAP clients
about how to stay enrolled and use health coverage to improve health care access, including through the use of Treatment as Prevention principles.

Improve the clarity
of their communication around health care access and health insurance.

Audiences

- RWHAP program staff, including case managers

- RWHAP organizations (leaders and managers)

- RWHAP clients

- Navigators and other in-person assisters that help enroll RWHAP clients
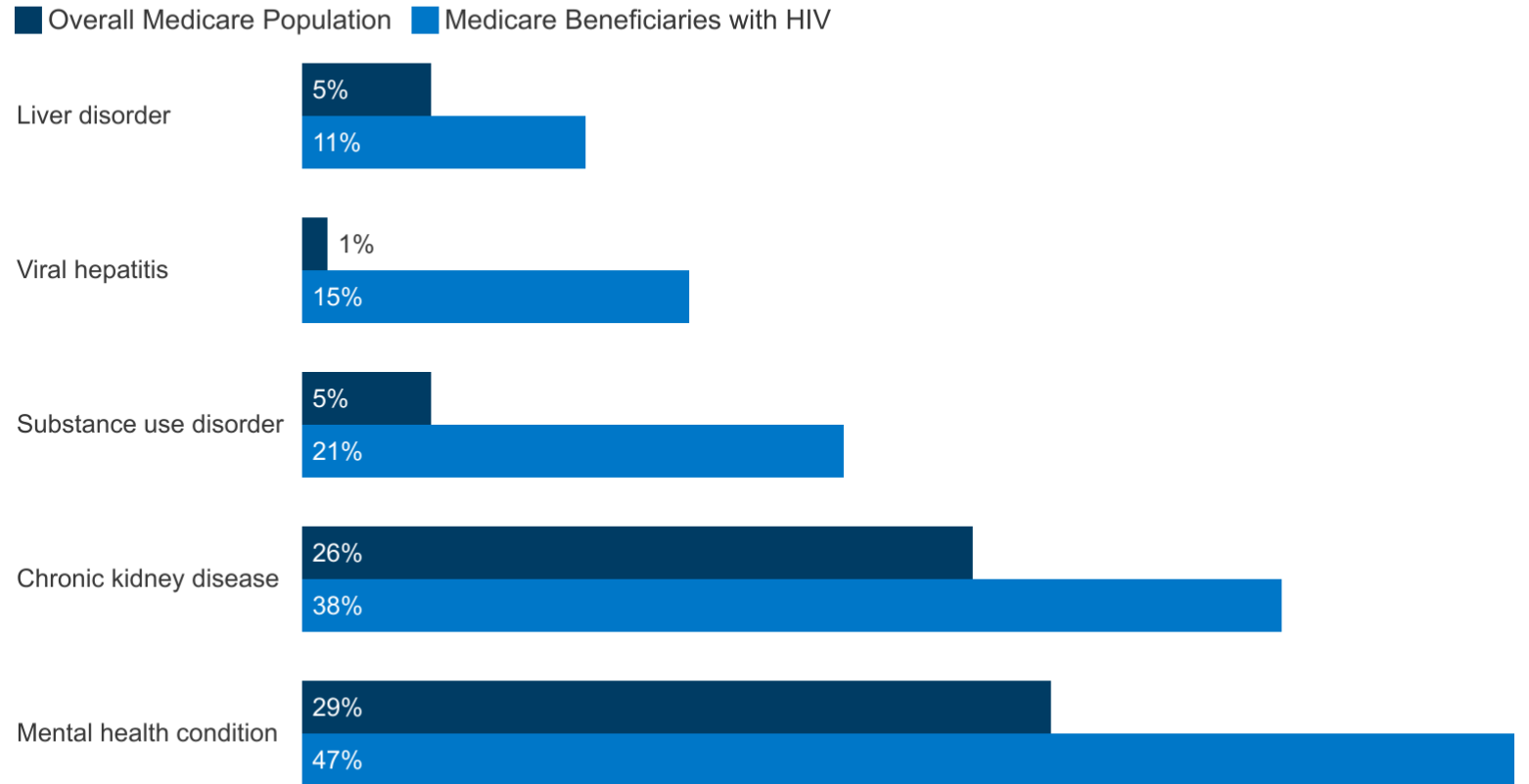
Medicare and people with HIV

- Compared to the traditional Medicare population overall, Medicare beneficiaries with HIV are:
  - Under age 65 (13% vs. 61%)
  - Male (45% vs. 75%)
  - Black (8% vs. 39%), and
  - Hispanic (6% vs. 12%).

- However, beneficiaries with HIV who originally qualified based on age rose from 14% in 2015 to 23% in 2020
  - People living longer with HIV thanks to effective treatment

KFF. Medicare and People with HIV, 2023. https://www.kff.org/hivaids/issue-brief/medicare-and-people-with-hiv/

Comorbidities with HIV

Figure 2

Traditional Medicare Beneficiaries with HIV are More Likely to Have Certain Comorbidities than the Traditional Medicare Population Overall

■ Overall Medicare Population ■ Medicare Beneficiaries with HIV

Liver disorder
- 5%
- 11%

Viral hepatitis
- 1%
- 15%

Substance use disorder
- 5%
- 21%

Chronic kidney disease
- 26%
- 38%

Mental health condition
- 29%
- 47%

NOTE: Viral hepatitis includes types A through E. Weighted count of traditional Medicare population is 30,973,510 beneficiaries; weighted count of traditional Medicare beneficiaries with HIV is 103,365 beneficiaries.
SOURCE: KFF analysis of a 20% sample of Medicare beneficiaries from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Chronic Conditions Data Warehouse, 2020.

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ACE Needs Assessment findings

Highest training and TA needs related to Medicare and Medicaid enrollment:

- Providing "culturally responsive and age-appropriate" enrollment support

- Helping clients compare and choose the best Medicare plan options

What are the challenges of transitioning clients who are aging on to Medicare?

- How are your programs addressing the needs of your staff and the aging population as they relate to health care access?

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If gaps in care are occurring, how are you addressing these gaps?

- If interventions were taken, what was the impact?

- Who is doing this work in your program?

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What challenges are you experiencing with navigating health coverage for clients who are aging?

- For staff that help clients enroll, what do they need to do their job better?

What are you hearing from clients?

- Where do they experience challenges?
- How do you address those challenges?

Are your programs getting help from ACL/AAAs/SHIPs with enrolling older clients into Medicare and/or Medicaid?

- What about with health care access for older adults?
- What are the challenges and opportunities to forging and navigating these partnerships?

What new concerns, trends, or TA needs are emerging?

• Are there "boutique" TA needs that should be on our radar?

Wrap up

Thank you!

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