

Appendix A: Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS Administered Programs

Ryan White Part B

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 hereinafter referred to as Ryan White Program, provides the Federal HIV/AIDS programs in the Public Health Service Act under Title XXVI flexibility to respond effectively to the changing epidemic. The new law changes how Ryan White funds can be used with an emphasis on providing life-saving and life-extending services for people living with HIV/AIDS across this country.

The Ryan White Program is not an entitlement program such as Medicaid or Medicare. Service availability is directly related to funding allocations. The Ryan White Program provides federal funding for outpatient medical care, pharmaceuticals, dental services, mental health counseling, case management and many other services to eligible individuals. The department contracts with fiscal lead agencies to provide these services in the designated consortium areas throughout the state. Florida's Ryan White Part B HIV consortia are established as the planning bodies for the Ryan White Part B Program and submit comprehensive plans to the department every three years.

Emerging Communities

HRSA defines an Emerging Community as an area with a cumulative total of at least 500 but fewer than 1,000 AIDS cases during the most recent five years. Ryan White Part B Emerging Communities are funded annually, provide services very similar to consortia and coordinate services and planning activities with their local consortium.

Patient Care Networks

There are seven HIV/AIDS Patient Care Network programs (PCN) in the state of Florida. These programs are funded by General Revenue through the Florida legislature to provide HIV/AIDS patient care programs with similar services as the Ryan White Part B programs. As with the Ryan White Part B Program, the department contracts with fiscal lead agencies to provide these services in the PCN area.

General Revenue

There are 32 county health departments that receive specific general revenue funding to operate HIV/AIDS patient care programs to improve the health of HIV/AIDS patients.

HOPWA

The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) program is a federal Department of Housing and Urban Development funded program that provides temporary mortgage, rent and utility assistance to eligible individuals with HIV/AIDS. There are ten HOPWA programs statewide administered by the Department of Health.

ADAP

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides HIV drug treatments for people who do not have private health insurance, do not qualify for Medicaid or Medicare and cannot afford their medications. It also covers the cost of routine labs, such as viral load and CD4 counts, for enrolled clients.

AICP

The AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP) is a Florida Department of Health program for Floridians who have HIV/AIDS and need assistance paying their health insurance costs.