

RYAN WHITE PROGRAM AND AFFORDABLE CARE ACT UPDATE: FEDERAL AIDS POLICY PARTNERSHIP

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Status of the Ryan White Program

- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program is currently authorized through September 30, 2013.
- After that date, the Program will not sunset and can continue to operate through Congressional appropriations with or without subsequent legislation.
- The decision of whether or not to pursue reauthorization of the Ryan White Program will lie with Congress.

Support for the Ryan White Program

- The Administration strongly supports the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) and the continuation of the services provided.
- The Administration recognizes the need to continue the RWHAP, even as full implementation of the Affordable Care Act moves forward.
 - Critical role in improving outcomes along the Continuum of Care/ Treatment Cascade

How is HRSA Preparing Grantees for ACA?

- HRSA is working on administrative flexibility and guidance to grantees necessary to assure a smooth transition of the program with ACA.
- **HRSA's Accomplishments to Date:**
 - **Communication with Grantees**
 - **Development of Policies**
 - **Training**
 - **Development of TA Tools**

How is HRSA Preparing Grantees for ACA?

Communication with Grantees

- Launched RWP-ACA Mailbox for grantees to submit ACA questions - January 2013
 - RWP-ACAQuestions@hrsa.gov
- Launched ACA Webpage on HAB website – March 2013
 - Website is updated regularly with new information, guidance, policies and tools to assist with the ACA transition.
 - <http://hab.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact>
- Launched ACA Section on TARGET Center site – March 2013
 - <https://careacttarget.org/library/affordable-care-act-and-ryan-white-program-learning-modules>
- New ACA update component to the HAB Bi-Weekly Email
- Quarterly meetings with HAB National Partners. Most recent meeting on April 17, 2013, which focused on ACA implementation issues, particularly outreach and enrollment.

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Development of Policies

- Review of existing policies and making revisions as necessary within the context of the ACA.
- New Policy Notices, Policy Clarification Notices and other ACA-related information posted to date:
 - Outreach and Enrollment Letter
 - Key Provisions of the ACA for the RWHAP
 - Essential Community Providers (non-Exhaustive List and Letter)
 - Policy # 13-01, Client Medicaid Eligibility
 - Policy # 13-02, Client Recertification Requirements
 - Coordination between Medicaid and Ryan White HIV/AIDS Programs - Joint HRSA/CMS Document
- Additional policies developed - pending final clearance

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Training

- Launched series of HAB-specific ACA trainings for HAB staff
- Collaborating with CMS to co-host a series of webinars for RWP grantees
 - April 5th: The Affordable Care Act and the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program: Eligibility 101
 - May 7th: Potential Impacts of the Affordable Care Act on Ryan White Providers in 2014
 - June 3rd: Medicaid Provider Networks

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Development of TA and Tools

- Working with HRSA Outreach and Education Workgroup to ensure HRSA grantees are assisting clients to enroll in new health insurance options
- Drafting FAQs for common ACA questions
- Working with AETC National Resource Center to develop tools to help grantees/providers enter into new Managed Care contracts
- Contracting to develop other tools needed by grantees and RWHAP clients
- Establishing a technical assistance resource center to assist RWHAP grantees with ACA-related Outreach and Enrollment activities

Steps Ryan White Programs should take to prepare for ACA

- **Maximize Payer Options**

- **Private Insurance / Marketplaces**

- Find out more about QHPs and provider credentialing requirements via your State Insurance Commissioner:

- www.naic.org/state_web_map.htm

- Contact the top three insurers in the small group market in your state to join new networks:

- cciio.cms.gov/resources/files/largest-smgroup-products-7-2-2012.pdf.pdf

- Review list of non-exhaustive Essential Community Providers, take steps to ensure your program is included.

- <http://hab.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/ecp.html>

- **Medicaid**

- Contact your state Medicaid office to join new networks:

- www.medicaid.gov/medicaid-chip-program-information/by-state/by-state.html

- **Review third-party billing systems and seek TA as necessary**

- targethiv.org/category/topics/fiscal-management

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