

Ryan White Part B Allowable Core Medical and Support Services - Official Definitions

Service Category	Service Definitions
<p>(SPBP)/AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments</p>	<p>The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)/Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP) provides FDA approved medications to low-income clients living with HIV who have no coverage or limited health care coverage. ADAP formularies must include at least one FDA-approved medicine in each drug class of core antiretroviral medicines from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Clinical Guidelines for the Treatment of HIV. ADAPs can also provide access to medications by using program funds to purchase health care coverage and through medication cost sharing for eligible clients. ADAPs must assess and compare the aggregate cost of paying for the health care coverage versus paying for the full cost of medications to ensure that purchasing health care coverage is cost effective in the aggregate. ADAPs may use a limited amount of program funds for activities that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of antiretroviral therapy with prior approval.</p>
<p>AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)/ Local Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)</p>	<p>A Local Pharmaceutical Assistance Program is operated by a Ryan White Part A or Part B recipient or subrecipient as a supplemental means of providing ongoing medication assistance when an ADAP has a restricted formulary, waiting list and/or restricted financial eligibility criteria. Ryan White Part A or B recipients using the LPAP to provide AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance must establish the following: 1.) Uniform benefits for all enrolled clients through the service area 2.) a recordkeeping system for distributed medications 3.) an LPAP advisory board 4.) a drug formulary that is a.) approved by the local advisory committee board/ and b.) consists of HIV-related medications not otherwise available to the clients due to the elements mentioned above 5.) a drug distribution system 6.) a client enrollment and eligibility determination process that includes screening for eligibility and rescreening at minimum of every six months 7.) coordination with the state's ADAP, A statement of need should specify restrictions of the state ADAP and the need for LPAP. 8.) Implementation in accordance with requirements of the HRSA 340B Drug Pricing Program</p>

<p>Child Care Services</p>	<p>RWHAP supports intermittent Child Care Services for the children living in the household of PLWH who are eligible clients for the purpose of enabling those clients to attend medical visits, related appointments, and/or Ryan White Part B related meetings, groups, or training sessions. Allowable use of funds include: 1.) A licensed or registered child care provider to deliver intermittent care 2.) Informal child care provided by a neighbor, family member, or other person (with the understanding that existing federal restrictions prohibit giving cash to clients or primary caregivers to pay for these services)</p>
<p>Early Intervention Services (EIS)</p>	<p>The elements of EIS often overlap with other service category descriptions; however, EIS is the combination of such services rather than a stand-alone service. Early Intervention Services must include the following four targeted components: 1.) Targeted HIV testing to help the unaware learn of their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be living with HIV. Recipients must coordinate these testing services with other HIV prevention and testing programs to avoid duplication of efforts. HIV testing paid for by EIS cannot supplant efforts paid for by other services. 2.) Referral services to improve HIV care and treatment services at key points of entry 3.) Access and linkage to HIV care and treatment services such as HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, and Substance Abuse Care 4.) Outreach Services and Health Education/Risk Reduction related to HIV diagnosis</p>
<p>Emergency Financial Assistance</p>	<p>Emergency Financial Assistance provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist a client with an urgent need for essential items or services necessary to improve health outcomes, including: utilities, housing, food (including groceries and food vouchers), transportation, medication not covered by an ADAP program or AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance, or another allowable cost needed to improve health outcomes. Emergency Financial Assistance must occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program.</p>
<p>Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals</p>	<p>Food Bank/ Home Delivered Meals refers to the provision of actual food items, hot meals, or a voucher program to purchase food. This also includes the provision of essential non-food items that are limited to the following: 1.) personal hygiene products 2.) household cleaning supplies 3.) water filtration/purification systems in communities where issues of water safety exist.</p>

<p align="center">Health Education/Risk Reduction</p>	<p>Health Education/Risk Reduction is the provision of education to clients living with HIV about HIV transmission and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission. It includes sharing information about medical and psychosocial support services and counseling with clients to improve their health status. Topics covered may include: 1.) Education on risk reduction strategies to reduce transmission such as PrEP for clients' partners and treatment as prevention 2.) Education on health care coverage options (e.g. qualified health plans through the Marketplace, Medicaid coverage, Medicare coverage) 3.) Health literacy 4.) Treatment adherence education</p>
<p align="center">Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance</p>	<p>Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance provides financial assistance for eligible clients living with HIV to maintain continuity of health insurance or to receive medical and pharmacy benefits under a health care coverage program. For purposes of this service category, health insurance also includes standalone dental insurance. The service provision consists of the following: 1.) Paying health insurance premiums to provide comprehensive HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, and pharmacy benefits that provide a full range of HIV medications for eligible clients; and/or 2.) Paying standalone dental insurance premiums to provide comprehensive oral health care services for eligible clients; and/or 3.) paying cost sharing on behalf of the client.</p>
<p align="center">Home and Community-Based Health Services</p>	<p>Home and Community-Based Health Services are provided to an eligible client in an integrated setting appropriate to that client's needs, based on a written plan of care established by a medical care team under the direction of a licensed clinical provider. Services include: 1.) Appropriate mental health, developmental, and rehabilitation services 2.) Day treatment or other partial hospitalization services 3.) Durable medical equipment 4.) Home health aid services and personal care services in the home</p>
<p align="center">Home Health Care</p>	<p>Home Health Care is the provision of services in the home that are appropriate to an eligible client's needs and are performed by licensed professionals. Activities provided under Home Health Care must relate to the client's HIV disease and may include: administration of prescribed therapeutics (e.g. intravenous and aerosolized treatment, and parenteral feeding), preventive and specialty care, wound care, routine diagnostics testing administered in the home, other medical therapies</p>
<p align="center">Hospice</p>	<p>Hospice Services are end-of-life care services provided to clients in the terminal stage of an HIV-related illness. Allowable services are: mental health counseling, nursing care, palliative therapeutics, physician services, room and board.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Housing</p>	<p>Housing provides transitional, short-term, or emergency housing assistance to enable a client or family to gain or maintain outpatient/ambulatory health services and treatment, including temporary assistance necessary to prevent homelessness and to gain or maintain access to medical care. Activities within the Housing category must also include the development of an individualized housing plan, updated annually, to guide the client's linkage to permanent housing. Housing may provide some type of core medical (e.g. mental health services) or support services (e.g. residential substance use disorder services). Housing activities also include housing referral services, including assessment, search, placement, and housing advocacy services on behalf of the eligible client, as well as fees associated with these activities.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Linguistics Services</p>	<p>Linguistic Services include interpretation and translation activities, both oral and written, to eligible clients. These activities must be provided by linguistic services providers as a component of HIV service delivery between the healthcare provider and the client. These services are to be provided when such services are necessary to facilitate communication between the provider and client and/or support delivery of eligible services.</p>

<p>Medical Case Management (including Treatment Adherence Services)</p>	<p>Medical Case Management is the provision of a range of client-centered activities focused on improving health outcomes in support of the HIV care continuum. Activities provided under this service category may be provided by an interdisciplinary team that includes other specialty care providers. Medical Case Management includes all types of case management encounters (e.g. face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication). Key activities include: 1.) Initial assessment of service needs 2.) Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan 3.) Timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care 4.) Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan 5.) Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 6 months with adaptations as necessary 6.) Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems 7.) Treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for and adherence to complex HIV treatments 8.) Client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. In addition to providing the medically oriented activities above, Medical Case Management may also provide benefits counseling by assisting eligible clients in obtaining access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistant Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, other state or local health care and supportive services, and insurance plans through the health insurance Marketplaces/Exchanges).</p>
<p>Medical Nutrition Therapy</p>	<p>Medical Nutrition Therapy includes: 1.) Nutrition assessment and screening 2.) Dietary/nutritional evaluation 3.) Food and/or nutritional supplements per medical provider's recommendation 4.) Nutrition education and/or counseling. These activities can be provided in individual and/or group settings and outside of HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.</p>
<p>Medical Transportation</p>	<p>Medical Transportation is the provision of nonemergency transportation that enables an eligible client to access or be retained in core medical and support services.</p>
<p>Mental Health Services</p>	<p>Mental Health Services are the provision of outpatient psychological and psychiatric screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services offered to clients living with HIV. Services are based on a treatment plan, conducted in an outpatient group or individual session, and provided by a mental health professional licensed or authorized within the state to render such services. Such professionals typically include psychiatrists, psychologists, and licensed clinical social workers.</p>

<p>Non-Medical Case Management Services</p>	<p>Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCM) is the provision of a range of client-centered activities focused on improving access to and retention in needed core medical and support services. NMCM provides coordination, guidance, and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, employment, vocational, and/or other needed services. NMCM Services may also include assisting eligible clients to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible, such as Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, Department of Labor or Education-funded services, other state or local health care and supportive services, or private health care coverage plans. NMCM Services include all types of case management encounters (e.g. face-to-face, telehealth, phone contact, and any other forms of communication). Key activities include: 1.) Initial assessment of service needs 2.) Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan 3.) Timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care 4.) Client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services 5.) Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan 6.) Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 6 months with adaptations as necessary 7.) Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems</p>
<p>Oral Health Care</p>	<p>Oral Health Care activities include outpatient diagnosis, prevention, and therapy provided by dental health care professionals, including general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and licensed dental assistants</p>

<p>Other Professional Services (Includes Legal Services)</p>	<p>Other Professional Services allow for the provision of professional and consultant services rendered by members of particular professions licensed and/or qualified to offer such services by local governing authorities. Such services may include: 1.) Legal services provided to and/or on behalf of the Ryan White-eligible PLWH and involving legal matters related to or arising from their HIV disease, including: a.) Assistance with public benefits such as Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) b.) Interventions necessary to ensure access to eligible benefits, including discrimination or breach of confidentiality litigation as it relates to services eligible for funding under Ryan White c.) Preparation of: healthcare power of attorney, durable power of attorney, living wills 2.) Permanency planning to help clients/families make decisions about the placement and care of minor children after their parents/caregivers are deceased or are no longer able to care for them, including: a.) Social service counseling or legal counsel regarding the drafting of wills or delegating powers of attorney b.) Preparation of custody options for legal dependents including standby guardianship, joint custody, or adoption 3.) Income tax preparation services to assist clients in filing Federal tax returns that are required by the Affordable Care Act for all individuals receiving premium tax cuts</p>
<p>Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services</p>	<p>Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services provide diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities directly to a client by a licensed healthcare provider in an outpatient medical setting. Outpatient medical settings may include: clinics, medical offices, mobile vans, using telehealth technology, and urgent care facilities for HIV-related visits. Allowable activities include: medical history taking, physical examination, diagnostic testing (including HIV confirmatory and viral load testing) as well as laboratory testing, treatment and management of physical and behavioral health conditions, behavioral risk assessment, subsequent counseling, and referral, preventive care and screening, pediatric developmental assessment, prescription and management of medication therapy, treatment adherence, education and counseling on health and prevention issues, referral to and provision of specialty care related to HIV diagnosis, including audiology and ophthalmology.</p>

<p style="text-align: center;">Outreach Services</p>	<p>The Outreach Services category has as its principal purpose identifying PLWH who either do not know their HIV status, or who know their status but are not currently in care. As such, Outreach Services provide the following activities: 1.) identification of people who do not know their HIV status and/or 2.) linkage or re-engagement of PLWH who know their status into Ryan White services, including provision of information about health care coverage options. Because Outreach Services are often provided to people who do not know their HIV status, some activities within this service category will likely reach people who are HIV negative. When these activities identify someone living with HIV, eligible clients should be linked to Ryan White services. Outreach Services must: 1.) use data to target populations and places that have a high probability of reaching PLWH who a.) have never been tested and are undiagnosed, b.) have been tested, diagnosed as HIV positive, but have not received their test results, or c.) have been tested, know their HIV positive status, but are not in medical care; 2.) be conducted at times and in places where there is a high probability that PLWH will be identified; and 3.) be delivered in coordination with local and state HIV prevention outreach programs to avoid duplication of effort. Outreach Services may be provided through community and public awareness activities (e.g. posters, flyers, billboards, social media, TV or radio announcements) that meet the requirements above and include explicit and clear links to an information about available Ryan White services. Ultimately, HIV-negative people may receive Outreach Services and should be referred to risk reduction activities. When these activities identify someone living with HIV, eligible clients should be linked to Ryan White services.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Psychosocial Support Services</p>	<p>Psychosocial Support Services provide group or individual support and counseling services to assist eligible PLWH to address behavioral and physical health concerns. Activities provided under the Psychosocial Support Services may include: bereavement counseling, child abuse and neglect counseling, HIV support groups, nutrition counseling provided by a non-registered dietician (see Medical Nutrition Therapy Services), pastoral care/counseling services.</p>

<p>Referral for Health Care and Supportive Services</p>	<p>Referral for Health Care and Support Services directs a client to needed core medical or support services in person or through telephone, written, or other type of communication. Activities provided under this service category may include referrals to assist eligible clients to obtain access to other public and private programs for which they may be eligible (e.g. Medicaid, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, and other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans).</p>
<p>Rehabilitation Services</p>	<p>Rehabilitation Services provide HIV-related therapies intended to improve or maintain a client's quality of life and optimal capacity for self-care on an outpatient basis, and in accordance with an individualized plan of HIV care.</p>
<p>Respite Care</p>	<p>Respite Care is the provision of periodic respite care in community or home-based settings that includes non-medical assistance designed to provide care for an eligible client to relieve the primary caregiver responsible for their day-to-day care.</p>
<p>Substance Abuse Outpatient Care</p>	<p>Substance Abuse Outpatient Care is the provision of outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders. Activities under Substance Abuse Outpatient Care service category include: screening, assessment, diagnosis, and/or treatment of substance use disorder, including: pretreatment/recovery readiness programs, harm reduction, behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder, outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling, medication assisted therapy, neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals, relapse prevention.</p>
<p>Substance Abuse Services (Residential)</p>	<p>Substance Abuse Services (residential) activities are those provided for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders in a residential setting to include screening, assessment, diagnosis, and treatment of substance use disorder. Activities provided under the Substance Abuse Services (residential) service category include: pretreatment/recovery readiness programs, harm reduction, behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder, medication assisted therapy, neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals, relapse prevention, detoxification, if offered in a separate licensed residential setting (including a separately-licensed detoxification facility within the walls of an inpatient medical or psychiatric hospital)</p>