
PLANNING COUNCIL SERVICE DEFINITIONS

Client Advocacy

Services funded under this category provide short-term "specialized" assistance to clients throughout the process of accessing and obtaining financial and legal services that include, but which are not limited to: healthcare benefits, immigration, social security and disability benefits.

Dental

Services funded under this category are recruitment of dentists and preventive diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by dentists, dental hygienists and other dental practitioners.

Drug Reimbursement

The service funded under this category is the provision of medically prescribed pharmaceuticals used in the prevention, management, and treatment of HIV disease.

Food Services

The service funded under this category is the provision of calorically and nutritionally appropriate prepared food, which may include, but is not limited to: prepared meals; congregate meals; home delivered food; food banks; nutritional supplements; and the provision of nutritional counseling under the supervision of a registered dietician.

Housing

Services funded under this category include the provision of short-term and/or emergency rental assistance, the provision of housing support in a group home or scattered site setting, and emergency housing-related expenses such as utilities. These services also include assessment, search, placement, and advocacy services provided by those who possess an extensive knowledge of local, State, and Federal housing programs and how they can be accessed.

Mental Health

Services funded under this category are psychological and psychiatric treatment, counseling and case consultation services provided by professional therapists (licensed or authorized within the state).

Medical Case Management

Historically known as Case Management, services funded under this category provide client-centered services that link clients with primary medical care and health-related support services in a manner that ensures timely, coordinated access to appropriate levels of care. Client-centered services support a client's ability in maximizing his/her self-sufficiency and independence. Key activities include: information and referral; assessment of the client's needs and personal support systems; development of a comprehensive individualized service care plan; coordination of the services required to implement the plan; client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; periodic reassessment; and adoption of the plan.

Minority AIDS Initiative (Medical Case Management & Psychosocial Support)

Services funded under this category include Medical Case Management and/or Psychosocial Support services. The goals of these services are to (1) support racial and ethnic minority individuals living with HIV in their effort to enter into and remain in primary health care and health-related support services and (2) help improve the clinical health outcomes and quality of life of people of color living with HIV/AIDS. These services provide coordination of care and linkage to the full continuum of medical and health-related support services.

Psychosocial Support

Historically known as Peer Support, services funded under this category provide assistance to clients where the person(s) providing the service is a person infected with HIV and of the client's self-identified community and provide services to a full spectrum of individuals infected by HIV. Such services include the provision of culturally competent psychosocial support and assistance in obtaining a range of services and entitlement that will meet the needs of the client and are provided by licensed, or non-licensed, paraprofessional individuals.

Primary Care

Services funded under this category provide routine, non-emergency, non-inpatient medical care, case consultation, patient education, and OB/GYN services.

Substance Abuse

Services funded under this category may include: pretreatment program of recovery readiness; harm reduction; mental health counseling to reduce depression, anxiety and other disorders associated with substance abuse; drug-free treatment and counseling; neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals; relapse prevention in an outpatient or residential health service setting; and activities targeting persons with HIV disease so that they can be enrolled or retained in care/treatment services.

Transportation

Services funded under this category include, but are not limited to taxi vouchers and public and private transport services that enable clients and their caregivers to access HIV primary medical care and health-related support services.

NON-DIRECT SERVICE DEFINITIONS

Grantee Administration

Grantee Administration is responsible for the effective administration of the Ryan White Part A grant. This includes developing and enhancing mechanisms which allow access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low-income individuals and families living with HIV. Grantee Administration is responsible for implementing the Planning Council's plan for services, which includes distributing funds according to planning council priorities and allocations; ensuring that services are available and accessible to eligible clients; developing and implementing requests for proposals, monitoring contracted providers; working with agencies to maximize distributed funds; providing technical assistance; preparing and submitting Part A funding application; and completing all required federal reporting requirements.

Planning Council Support Services

This program is funded to provide staff support and professional planning services to the Part A Boston EMA HIV/AIDS Services Planning Council. Included is the development of an annual needs assessment and funding stream assessment; completion of a resource and allocation process; development of a comprehensive plan for the provision of HIV/AIDS services; and staff support to Planning Council and committees, including scheduling and arranging of all meetings.

Quality Management

This service includes assisting direct service medical providers funded through the Ryan White Act to assure that funded services adhere to established HIV clinical practice standards and Public Health Services (PHS) guidelines; implementing strategies for improvements to quality medical care including vital health-related supportive services to achieve appropriate access and adherence with HIV medical care; and utilizing available demographic, clinical and health care utilization information and health outcome data to monitor the spectrum of HIV-related illnesses and trends in the local epidemic and the impact of Part A services. Additional activities include formal evaluation projects as a comprehensive mechanism for evaluating the impact of Part A funds on HIV/AIDS care in the Boston EMA.