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Section I. Introduction

About this Document

The purpose of this document is to provide service standards for core medical and support services funded under the Missouri Ryan White Part B, AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), and Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP). Service standards are utilized to ensure that all Ryan White Part B-funded agency service providers offer the same fundamental components of the given service category across the state. They establish the minimal level of service or care that a funded agency or provider may offer and set a benchmark by which services are monitored and contracts are developed.

The Missouri Ryan White Part B Service Standards is a living document and may change based on Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) and HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) requirements, the needs of people with HIV/AIDS in Missouri, and the services offered by providers.

How to Use this Document

The Missouri Ryan White Part B Service Standards outline the elements and expectations funded agencies must follow when implementing a specific service category. Adherence to these standards ensures quality services that are consistent and that can be evaluated for effectiveness. The document delineates three categories of standards: universal, which apply to all service categories; core medical; and support services.

In addition to being adherent to these service standards, funded agencies must also adhere to HRSA/HAB National Monitoring Standards (universal, fiscal, and programmatic), and the current Missouri Ryan White Part B Statewide Services Manual.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Agency is accessible to the desired target populations 	 Clinic/Offices where clients are provided services are clean, handicap accessible, and located to minimize client transportation barriers (close to public transportation, easy to find, convenient parking, etc.) Clinics/offices are designed to provide adequate space for providing services and maintaining client confidentiality 	• Site visit

Section II. Universal Service Standards

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Services are accessible to eligible target populations	 Services must be provided irrespective of age, physical or mental challenges, history of substance abuse, immigration status, marital status, national origin, race, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, or current/past health conditions Agency demonstrates the ability to provide culturally and linguistically competent services 	 Policies on file Personnel and training records Client satisfaction surveys
• Services are provided regardless of an individual's ability to pay for the service	 Billing and collection policies and procedures do not: Deny services for non- payment Require full payment prior to service Include any other procedure that denies services for non-payment 	 Billing and collection policies
 Agency demonstrates input from clients in the design and delivery of services 	 Mechanism in place that allows clients to provide immediate feedback on services 	 Documentation of client satisfaction surveys, focus groups, and/or public meetings Maintain a visible suggestion box or other client input mechanism
 Agency demonstrates outreach efforts to inform low-income individuals of the availability of HIV- related services and how to access them 	 Availability of informational materials about services and eligibility requirements. Collaboration with community partners to provide education 	 Service Directory, newsletters, brochures, posters, community bulletins, other promotional materials
Agency demonstrates structured efforts to keep clients informed of changes in services	 Mechanism in place to inform consumers of changes in health and support services 	 Policy on file
 Services are provided in accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) guidelines 	 Agency is compliant with ADA requirements for non- discriminatory policies and practices and for the provision of reasonable accommodations to address communication (i.e., sign language interpreter) 	 Policy on file

Privacy & Confidentiality		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation/Measure
 Agency must have policies and procedures in place that address client privacy and confidentiality 	 All personnel must sign confidentiality agreements, and agreements must be kept on file All agencies must ensure compliance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) 	 Signed confidentiality agreements on file for all staff Written procedures to protect client confidentiality
All personnel must ensure that client charts are secure and that client confidentiality is maintained	 Computers must be password protected and secure while in use (e.g., placed with the screen out of view, attended at all times, and turned off when unattended) Access to areas containing computers must be restricted to authorized personnel only or clients/visitors with escorts 	 Electronic records are password protected Client documentation is uploaded in the electronic record

Intake, Eligibility, & Recertification		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Providers must screen consumers for eligibility, including eligibility for funded service categories, including ADAP and HICP 	 Intake forms must include, at a minimum, all required data elements included in the most recent RSR manual 	 Intake form available in electronic record
Active clients must meet all program eligibility requirements	 Eligibility requirements include: Must have an HIV/AIDS positive medical diagnosis, Must have an income at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), Must be a Missouri resident 	 Proof of eligibility available in electronic record Note: Refer to the HIV Case Management Policies & Procedures Manual for a list of acceptable documentation
 All Ryan White Part B, ADAP and HICP clients are required to recertify annually 	 Client recertification annually 	 Recertification documentation in the client's file, including: Verification of residency Verification of income

Client Rights and Responsibilities		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
All agencies must have a documented Client Rights and Responsibilities policy and process	 Clients will be informed of their rights and responsibilities annually Client rights and responsibilities must be made available in English and Spanish 	 Documentation showing that client rights and responsibilities are updated annually (signed by client) A copy of client rights and responsibilities is available in English and Spanish Copy of signed client rights and responsibilities uploaded into the electronic record

Grievance Process		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 All agencies must have a documented grievance policy and process 	 Clients must be made aware of the grievance process Grievance policies must be made available in English and Spanish 	 Site visit Copies of grievance policies provided in English and Spanish

Program Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Agencies must have written personnel policies and procedures	 Personnel policies and procedures should include methods to ensure: Staff have a clear understanding of their job description and responsibilities, as well as agency policies and procedures 	 Personnel policies and procedures document Job descriptions Agency policy and procedures
 Staff have appropriate skills, relevant experience, cultural and linguistic competency and relevant licensure to provide services and/or care to people with HIV 	 Staff are trained and knowledgeable about HIV/AIDS and available resources 	 Job descriptions Training records

Coordination and Referrals		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Part B agencies that do not directly provide a needed service should systematically make a referral for services 	 The agencies will initiate referrals as agreed upon by the client and provider 	 Case notes and Individualized Service Plan (ISP)
• As appropriate, Part B agencies shall facilitate referrals by obtaining releases of information to permit provision of information about the client's needs and other important information to the service providers	 Signed release of information forms obtained 	 Signed release of information forms
• Part B agencies will ensure clients are accessing needed referrals and services, and are following through with their referral plans	 Agencies will utilize a care plan or tracking mechanism to monitor the completion of linked referrals Clients receive follow-up to ensure that barriers to accessing services are addressed Client refusals to follow through with referrals are documented 	Case notes and ISP
• Agency will have a referral process in place for needed services not provided in the case management region	 Process in place 	Policy on file

Section III. Core Medical Service Standards

Service Category: Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care (OAMC)

HRSA Definition: Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services are diagnostic and therapeutic services provided directly to a client by a licensed healthcare provider in an outpatient medical setting.

Outpatient medical settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients do not stay overnight. Emergency room or urgent care services are not considered outpatient settings. Allowable activities include:

- Medical history taking
- Physical examination
- Diagnostic testing, including 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

Note: Treatment Adherence services provided during an Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Service visit should be reported under the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services category whereas Treatment Adherence services provided during a Medical Case Management visit should be reported in the Medical Case Management service category.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Clients will receive outpatient/ambulatory health services from appropriately licensed and credentialed providers	 Medical providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri 	 Licensures/certifications on file
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Clinic policies and procedures CQI projects focusing on best practices for appointment processes, client no shows and multiple appointment rescheduling that result in gaps in services Clinic wait time surveys

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients in need of routine medical care will be scheduled to be seen for an initial appointment within 30 calendar days from the eligibility verification date 	 Appointment scheduled within 30 days 	Client record

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
• Ensure that the medical management of HIV infection is in accordance with the federal Department Health and Human Services (DHHS) HIV-related guidelines,	 DHHS HIV-related guidelines include but are not limited to: Antiretroviral treatment Maternal-child transmission Post-exposure prophylaxis Management of tuberculosis and opportunistic infections HIV testing i.e. <u>https://www.cdc.gov/hivpa</u> <u>rtners/php/guidelines/</u> 	 Clinic policies and procedures Demonstrated compliance with listed guidelines

Staffing				
Standard	Criteria	Documentation		
• Ensure that all Physicians, Pharmacists, and all other licensed medical professionals possess current licensure and/or certification	 Medical providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (including Medicaid/Medicare certification) 	 Licensures/certifications on file (including Medicaid/Medicare certification) 		

Service Category: Oral Health

HRSA Definition: Oral Health Care services provide outpatient diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services by dental health care professionals, including general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists, and licensed dental assistants.

Access to Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
Clients receive assistance to schedule and coordinate dental appointments	 Case manager shall assist client to schedule and coordinate all dental appointments as needed 	Case notes and ISP	
 Oral health appointments are followed-up on by case manager 	 Case manager will follow-up on all dental appointments to ensure clients maintain access to dental services 	 Outcomes documented in case notes and ISP 	

	Delivery of Services				
	Standard		Criteria		Documentation
•	The Part B provider will ensure that service funding will be available throughout the year.	•	The provider will develop an oral care plan for approval by Part B to ensure expense do not surpass approved amounts		 Case notes and ISP

Staffing			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Ensure that oral health providers possess current licensure and/or certification 	 Oral health providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (for both directly funded providers, as well as those used for referrals) 	 Licensures/certifications on file Upon request, a copy of all oral health providers utilized through a sub- contract, or agreement will be submitted 	

Service Category: Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance

HRSA Definition: 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:

- 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
- Paying standalone dental insurance premiums to provide comprehensive oral health care services for eligible clients; and/or
- Paying cost sharing on behalf of the client.

To use RWHAP funds for health insurance premium assistance (not standalone dental insurance assistance), an RWHAP Part B recipient must implement a methodology that incorporates the following requirements:

- RWHAP Part B recipients must ensure that clients are buying health coverage that, at a minimum, includes at least one drug in each class of core antiretroviral therapeutics from DHHS treatment guidelines along with appropriate HIV outpatient/ambulatory health services.
- RWHAP Part B recipients must assess and compare the aggregate cost of paying for the health insurance option versus paying for the full cost for medications and other appropriate HIV outpatient/ambulatory health services to ensure that purchasing health insurance is cost effective in the aggregate and allocate funding to Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance only when determined to be cost effective.

To use RWHAP funds for standalone dental insurance premium assistance, an RWHAP Part B recipient must implement a methodology that incorporates the following requirement:

 RWHAP Part B recipients must assess and compare the aggregate cost of paying for the standalone dental insurance option versus paying for the full cost of HIV oral health care services to ensure that purchasing standalone dental insurance is cost effective in the aggregate and allocate funding to Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance only when determined to be cost effective.

Access to Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Part B agencies should systematically provide access to services for insured and uninsured clients 	 The agency will initiate referrals as agreed upon by the client 	 Case notes and ISP 	
HICP application will be completed and submitted for eligible clients	 HICP applications are completed in accordance with Part B guidelines 	HICP EnrollmentClient electronic record	

Delivery of Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 No payment may be made directly to clients, family, or household members 	 Provide a mechanism through which payment can be made on behalf of the client 	 Documentation ensuring payments were made to appropriate vendors 	

Note: For additional information about the Missouri Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP), please refer to the Statewide Services Manual at: <u>Contractor Files |</u> <u>Information | Health</u> <u>& Senior Services (mo.gov)</u>

Service Category: Mental Health

HRSA Definition: 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.

Access to Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Clients will receive mental health services from appropriately licensed and credentialed providers 	 Mental health providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (for both directly funded providers, as well as those used for referrals) 	 Licensures/certifications on file Upon request, a copy of all mental health providers utilized through a sub-contract or agreement will be submitted 	
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed 	

Delivery of Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Clients will receive a psychosocial assessment, including a mental health screening, at least annually or as needed 	 Assessment conducted by a provider and/or a case manager 	Client electronic record	
 A detailed treatment plan should be created for each eligible client that includes: The diagnosed mental illness or condition The treatment modality (group or individual) Start date for mental health services Recommended number of sessions Date for reassessment Projected treatment end date Any recommendations for follow up The signature of the mental health professional rendering service 	 Services provided are consistent with the treatment plan 	Client electronic record	

Staffing			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
• Providers have relevant experience and licensure to care for HIV infected clients with mental health issues	 All professionals providing mental health services are properly trained and meet qualifications 	 Certifications and training records 	

Service Category: Medical Case Management

HRSA Definition: 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 may be prescribed 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:

- Initial assessment of service needs
- Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan
- Timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care
- Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan
- Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 12 months with adaptations as necessary
- Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems
- Treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for and adherence to complex HIV treatments
- Client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services

In addition to providing the medically oriented services 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 Assistance 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).

Program Guidance: Medical Case Management services have as their objective improving health care outcomes whereas Non-Medical Case Management Services have as their objective providing guidance and assistance in improving access to needed services.

Visits to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV treatments shall be considered Medical Case Management or Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services. Treatment Adherence Services provided during a Medical Case Management visit should be reported in the Medical Case Management service category, whereas Treatment Adherence services provided during an Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Service visit should be reported under the Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services category.

Access to Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Clients will receive medical case management services from appropriately licensed and credentialed providers 	 Providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri 	 Licensures/certifications on file 	
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed 	

Delivery of Services			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
 Ensure that medical case managers are performing the following activities: Initial assessment of service needs Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan Timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 6 months with adaptations as necessary Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems Treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for and adherence to complex HIV treatments Client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services 	 Services provided are consistent with the assessment of needs and the care plan 	Client electronic record	

Staffing			
Standard	Criteria	Documentation	
Ensure that medical case management providers have current certification	 Providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri 	 Licensures/certifications on file 	

Service Category: Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

HRSA Definition: Substance Abuse Outpatient Care is the provision of outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders. Services include:

- Screening
- Assessment
- Diagnosis, and/or
- Treatment of substance use disorder, including:
 - Pretreatment/recovery readiness programs
 - Harm reduction
 - o Behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder
 - Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling
 - Medication assisted therapy
 - Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
 - Relapse prevention

Program Guidance: Acupuncture therapy may be allowable under this service category only when, as part of a substance use disorder treatment program funded under the RWHAP, it is included in a documented plan.

Syringe access services are allowable, to the extent that they comport with current appropriations law and applicable DHHS guidance, including HRSA- or HAB-specific guidance. Current Missouri law does not allow syringe access services.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Clients will receive substance abuse outpatient care services from appropriately licensed and credentialed treatment providers	 Treatment providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri 	 Licensures/certifications on file
 Access should be provided in a timely manner by staff who have appropriate skills, and experience to care for people with HIV/AIDS with substance abuse issues 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive a psychosocial assessment, including a substance abuse screening, at least annually or as needed 	 Assessment conducted by a provider and/or a case manager Services provided are consistent with the treatment plan 	Client electronic record
 The quantity, frequency, and modality of treatment provided The date treatment begins and ends Regular monitoring and assessment of client progress The signature of the individual providing the service and or the supervisor as applicable 	• Services provided are consistent with the treatment plan	Client electronic record

Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Ensure that substance abuse outpatient care services providers have current licensure and certifications 	 Providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (for both directly funded providers, as well as those used for referrals) 	 Licensures/certifications on file Upon request, a copy of all substance abuse treatment providers utilized through a sub-contractor agreement will be submitted

Service Category: AIDS Drug Assistance Program

HRSA Definition: ADAP is a state-administered program authorized under Part B of the RWHAP to provide FDA-approved medications to low-income clients with HIV disease who have no coverage or limited health care coverage. ADAPs may also use program funds to purchase health insurance for eligible clients and for services that enhance access to, adherence to, and monitoring of antiretroviral therapy. RWHAP ADAP recipients must assess and compare the aggregate cost of paying for the health insurance option versus paying for the full cost for medications and other appropriate HIV outpatient/ambulatory health services to ensure that purchasing health insurance is cost effective in the aggregate. Eligible ADAP clients must be living with HIV and meet income and other eligibility criteria as established by the state.

Program Guidance: RWHAP Parts A, C and D recipients may contribute RWHAP funds to the Part B ADAP for the purchase of medication and/or health insurance for ADAP-eligible clients.

Service Standards: Please refer to the Statewide Services Manual located at <u>Contractor Files</u> <u>Information Health & Senior Services (mo.gov)</u>

Section IV. Support Service Standards

Service Category: Non-Medical Case Management

HRSA Definition: Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCM) provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-Medical Case management 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, Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Programs, Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Patient Assistance Programs, other state or local health care and supportive services, or health insurance Marketplace plans. This service category includes several methods of communication, including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication deemed appropriate by the RWHAP Part B recipient. Key activities include:

- Initial assessment of service needs
- Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan
- Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan
- Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 12 months with adaptations as necessary
- Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems

Program Guidance: Non-Medical Case Management Services have as their objective providing guidance and assistance in improving access to needed services, whereas Medical Case Management services have as their objective improving health care outcomes.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive non- medical case management services 	 Agencies must be contracted for non-medical case management. Agency staff must have the verification of education, work experience and training. 	 Contract on file Agency staff education, work experience and training documentation on file
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Ensure that non-medical case managers are performing the following activities: Initial assessment of service needs Development of a comprehensive, individualized care plan Continuous client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the care plan Re-evaluation of the care plan at least every 6 months with adaptations as necessary Ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems 	 Services provided are consistent with the assessment of needs and the care plan 	Client electronic record

Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive non- medical case management services 	 Agencies must be contracted for non-medical case management. Agency staff must have the verification of education, work experience and training. 	 Contract on file Agency staff education, work experience, and training documentation on file

Service Category: Emergency Financial Assistance

HRSA Definition: Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program.

Program Guidance: Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency financial assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of RWHAP funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, uses, and periods of time. Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client should not be funded through emergency financial assistance.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive assistance with the following under EFA: Utilities, Housing, or Food (including groceries, food vouchers, and food stamps) 	 Agency will document utilization for each client served in the client electronic record 	Client electronic record
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Agencies will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Services are to be provided through: Short-term payments appropriate service provider or vendor Note: Direct cash payments to 	 Agency has a mechanism to ensure that payments can be made on behalf of client 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing emergency financial assistance support
clients are not permitted		
 Records of services provided will reflect compliance with EFA standards 	 Agency will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing emergency financial assistance support

Service Category: Health Education/Risk Reduction

HRSA Definition: 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:

- Education on risk reduction strategies to reduce transmission such as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for clients' partners and treatment as prevention
- Education on health care coverage options (e.g., qualified health plans through the Marketplace, Medicaid coverage, Medicare coverage)
- Health literacy
- Treatment adherence education

Program Guidance: Health Education/Risk Reduction services cannot be delivered anonymously.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive education on: Risk reduction strategies to reduce transmission, such as PrEP for clients' partners and treatment as prevention Health care coverage options Health literacy Treatment adherence education 	 Agency will maintain records for utilization for each client served, including topics of education provided 	 Health Education Policy on file Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing health education/risk reduction services
 Access to the service as defined should be provided in a timely manner 	 Agencies will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Records of services provided will reflect compliance with Health Education/Risk Reduction standards 	 Agencies will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing health education/risk reduction services

Service Category: Linguistic Services

HRSA Definition: Linguistic Services provide interpretation and translation services, both oral and written, to eligible clients. These services must be provided by qualified 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 RWHAP-eligible services.

Program Guidance: Services provided must comply with the National Standards for Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CLAS).

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Eligible clients will receive both written and oral interpretation and translation services 	 Agencies will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Linguistic Service policy on file Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing linguistic services
 Access should be provided in a timely manner 	 Agencies will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Provider will assess clients for interpretation and/or translation needs 	 The provider will initiate service based on the assessment 	 Case notes and ISP
 Agencies must ensure the competence of language assistance provided to clients limited in English proficiency by interpreters 	 Agencies must ensure access for clients with limited English skills 	 Listing/directory on file for telephone services
 Records of services provided will reflect compliance with Linguistic Service standards 	 Agencies will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing linguistic services

Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
These services must be provided by qualified linguistic service providers as a component of HIV service delivery between the healthcare provider and the client	 Services are provided by appropriately trained and qualified individuals holding appropriate State or local Certification 	 Upon request, a copy of all providers utilized through a sub-contract or agreement will be submitted

Service Category: Medical Transportation Services

HRSA Definition: Medical Transportation is the provision of nonemergency transportation services that enables an eligible client to access or be retained in core medical and support services.

Program Guidance: Medical transportation may be provided through:

- Contracts with providers of transportation services
- Mileage reimbursement (through a non-cash system) that enables clients to travel to needed medical or other support services, but should not in any case exceed the established rates for federal Programs (Federal Joint Travel Regulations provide further guidance on this subject)
- Purchase or lease of organizational vehicles for client transportation programs, provided the recipient receives prior approval for the purchase of a vehicle
- Organization and use of volunteer drivers (through programs with insurance and other liability issues specifically addressed)
- Voucher or token systems

Costs for transportation for medical providers to provide care should be categorized under the service category for the service being provided.

Unallowable costs include:

- Direct cash payments or cash reimbursements to clients
- Direct maintenance expenses (tires, repairs, etc.) of a privately-owned vehicle
- Any other costs associated with a privately-owned vehicle such as lease, loan payments, insurance, license, or registration fees

Service Standards: Please refer to the Outstate Services Manual located at: <u>Contractor Files</u> <u>Information</u> <u>Health & Senior Services (mo.gov</u>)

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
• Agencies will accommodate safe, cost-effective access to primary medical care, and/or other support services through transportation	 The Agency will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing transportation services
 Note: The following are considered unallowable under this service category: Direct cash payments or cash reimbursements to clients Direct maintenance expenses (tires, repairs, etc.) of a privately-owned vehicle Any other costs associated with a privately-owned vehicle such as lease, loan payments, insurance, license, or registration fees 		

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Access should be provided in a timely manner	• The Agency will follow the Part B transportation policy and procedures to facilitate timely, medically appropriate care	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Agency will assess clients for transportation needs 	 The agency will initiate service based on assessment 	 Case notes and ISP
 Agencies must ensure that those who provide direct transportation maintain appropriate licensure and coverage 	 Driver's must maintain: A current/valid driver's license Vehicle liability insurance Current registration and license plates 	 Records including evidence of: Valid driver's license for all drivers Vehicle liability insurance Valid vehicle registration
 Records of services provided will reflect compliance with Medical Transportation Service standards 	 Agency will maintain records for utilization for each client served 	 Documentation on file in client electronic record detailing transportation services

Service Category: Substance Abuse Residential Care

HRSA Definition: Substance Abuse Residential Care is the provision of inpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders. Services include:

- Screening
- Assessment
- Diagnosis, and/or
- Treatment of substance use disorder, including:
 - Pretreatment/recovery readiness programs
 - Harm reduction
 - o Behavioral health counseling associated with substance use disorder
 - Outpatient drug-free treatment and counseling
 - Medication assisted therapy
 - Neuro-psychiatric pharmaceuticals
 - Relapse prevention

Program Guidance: Acupuncture therapy may be allowable under this service category only when, as part of a substance use disorder treatment program funded under the RWHAP, it is included in a documented plan.

Syringe access services are allowable, to the extent that they comport with current appropriations law and applicable DHHS guidance, including HRSA- or HAB-specific guidance. Current Missouri law does not allow syringe access services.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Clients will receive substance abuse outpatient care services from appropriately licensed and credentialed treatment providers	 Treatment providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri 	 Licensures/certifications on file
 Access should be provided in a timely manner by staff who have appropriate skills and experience to care for people with HIV/AIDS with substance abuse issues 	 Clinics will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Clients will receive a psychosocial assessment, including a substance abuse screening, at least annually or as needed 	 Assessment conducted by a provider and/or a case manager 	Client electronic record

Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
• Ensure that substance abuse outpatient care services providers have current licensure and certifications	 Providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (for both directly funded providers, as well as those used for referrals) 	 Licensures/certifications on file Upon request, a copy of all substance abuse treatment providers utilized through a sub-contractor agreement will be submitted

Service Category: Home and Community-Based Services

HRSA Definition: 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:

- Appropriate mental health, developmental, and rehabilitation services
- Day treatment or other partial hospitalization services
- Durable medical equipment
- Home health aide services and personal care services in the home

Program Guidance: The provision of Home Health Care is limited to clients that are homebound. Home settings do not include nursing facilities or inpatient mental health/substance abuse treatment facilities.

Access to Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
 Access should be provided in a timely manner by staff who have appropriate skills and experience to care for people with HIV/AIDS with substance abuse issues 	 Providers will have policies and procedures that facilitate timely, medically appropriate care 	 Policies and procedures indicating how the needs of clients are managed Client electronic record

Delivery of Services		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
Clients will receive an assessment of need for in- home personal care services and/or durable medical equipment.	 Assessment conducted by a provider and/or a case manager 	Client electronic record

Staffing		
Standard	Criteria	Documentation
• Ensure services will be provided in a timely manner by staff who have appropriate skills and experience to care for people with HIV/AIDS	 Providers have a current license/certification for providing services in Missouri (for both directly funded providers, as well as those used for referrals) 	 Licensures/certifications on file Client electronic record

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