



HIV/AIDS Bureau

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Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Colleagues:

This letter addresses the use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) funds to support standalone dental insurance premiums and/or cost sharing assistance under RWHAP Parts A, B, C, and D of Title XXVI of the Public Health Service Act, as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009.

The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) recognizes the essential role of oral health care to improve positive health outcomes for people living with HIV and the role of dental insurance in ensuring access to these services. HAB has updated *Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds* to include the use of RWHAP resources to support standalone dental insurance premiums and/or cost sharing assistance under the Health Insurance Premiums and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals service category. The revised 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; 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.

Updated PCN #16-02 also removes the prohibition on RWHAP Parts C and D recipients to use RWHAP funds for Substance Abuse Services (residential); clarifies how RWHAP funds can be used for provider transportation in the Program Guidance for Medical Transportation; provides additional Program Guidance for RWHAP Parts A, C, and D recipients related to AIDS Drug Assistance Program Treatments; and has been reorganized to define the service categories in alphabetical order. PCN #16-02 is applicable to all RWHAP awards (including noncompeting continuations and supplements) made on or after October 1, 2016.

Please contact your HAB Project Officer for questions about using RWHAP funds for standalone dental insurance premiums and cost sharing assistance.

Sincerely,

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