

# THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (RWHAP), HEPATITIS AND THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT

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# Ryan White Program and Hepatitis

- Hepatitis Screening based on HHS Treatment Guidelines and local Standards of Care
- Screening for Hepatitis B and C are recommended at initiation to care.
- Future screening based on risk assessment
- HCV screening per 2011/2012 Chart Review Results: **98.8% (+28%)**
- At risk clients not previously immunized for Hepatitis A and B should be offered vaccination.
- HBV vaccination per 2011/2012 Chart Review Results: **32.5% (-22%)**

# Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and ACA

- ***Payer of Last Resort*** applies to ACA Eligible PLWHA
- Per HRSA/HAB
  - RWHAP funds may not be used “for any item or service to the extent that payment has been made, or can reasonably be expected to be made...” by another payment source
  - RW funded providers are expected to **vigorously pursue enrollment** in other relevant funding sources such as Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, state-funded HIV/AIDS programs, employer-sponsored health insurance coverage, **and/or other private health insurance (e.g. the Marketplace)**
  - The RWHAP will continue to pay for items or services received by individuals who remain uninsured or underinsured
  - **RWHAP funds may be used to assist eligible clients with their premiums, copayments, co-insurance and/or deductibles**

# Insurance Coverage per ACA

<b>All RW Clients Served 03/01/12 – 02/28/13 (n = 11,103)</b>					
<b>% FPL</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Insured</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Non-Insured</b>	<b>%</b>
<b>0-100%</b>	<b>7,888</b>	<b>2,564</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>5,324</b>	<b>48%</b>
<b>100-200%</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>1,416</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>200-400%</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>429</b>	<b>4%</b>
<b>&gt;400%</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,103</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>7,193</b>	<b>65%</b>

# Local Efforts to Leverage ACA for PLWHA

- All RW-funded case management & primary care agencies are Certified Assistance Counselor Designated Organizations (CDO) ✓
- All RW-funded Case Managers and Service Linkage Workers must be Certified Assistance Counselors ✓
- RW Planning Council has increased the funding for Health Insurance Assistance in 2014 by \$490,000 (+31%) to an annual total of \$2,068,000 ✓
- Developing policies to reduce burden on RW-eligible ACA enrollees in accessing Health Insurance Assistance
- Working with Texas HIV Medication Program (THMP) and other stakeholders to assess capability of State's ADAP to become insurance assistance provider on statewide basis

# Questions and ACA Resources

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<http://hab.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/>
- CMS Health Insurance Marketplace  
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