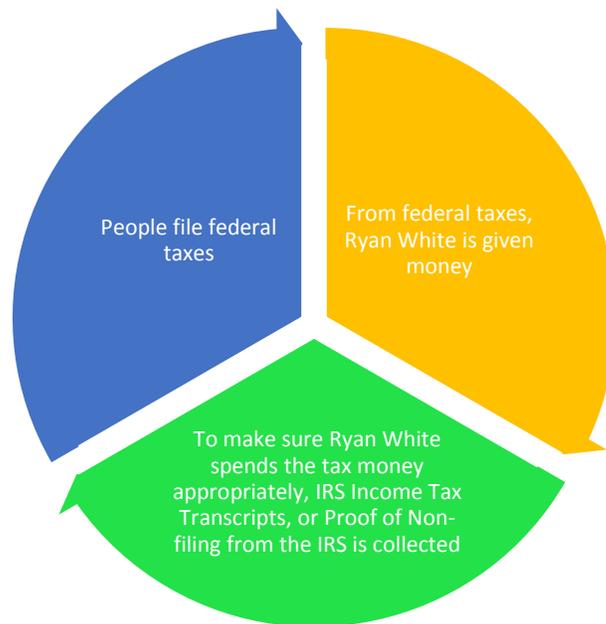


What you need to Know about MAGI (Modified Adjusted Gross Income)

- MAGI is a formula used for calculating income eligibility for Medicaid, CHIP, other financial assistance, and now Ryan White HIV AIDS Program (RWHAP) services.
- MAGI started with the Affordable Care Act (ACA). The ACA standardized income rules for determining financial eligibility for federal and state insurance affordability programs. It streamlines Medicaid and CHIP and aligns them with income rules to determine eligibility for premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions for purchasing a qualified health plan through the Health Insurance Marketplace.
- The goal of MAGI is to make it easier for people to know what health services they are eligible for and to enroll in the appropriate program.
- The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV AIDS Bureau (HAB) strongly encouraged all states to align the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) eligibility requirements with MAGI. This reduces the burden on clients and supports coordination with the eligibility determination process for insurance affordability programs for payer of last resort. This will make it easier for clients to keep their health coverage year-to-year through one eligibility determination process.



- MAGI helps Ryan White services make sure people with no other health care options are able to have their health care needs provided through Ryan White services.
- A part of completing the MAGI or Mock MAGI form includes submitting Income Tax Return Transcripts or Proof of Non-Filing. Both forms are requested through the IRS.
- Ryan White funding comes from the federal government. The IRS is also a part of the federal government.
- By using the MAGI form and requesting Income Tax Return Transcripts or Proof of Non-Filing, the IRS and Ryan White work together to make sure the money given to Ryan White is used in the best way.
- By statute, Ryan White funds may not be used "for any item or services to the extent that payment has been made, or can reasonably be expected to be made..." by another payer source.
- Because Ryan White (RW) is payer of last resort, funded providers must make reasonable efforts to ensure eligible RW clients enroll in health insurance; and make reasonable efforts to secure non-RW funds whenever possible for services.