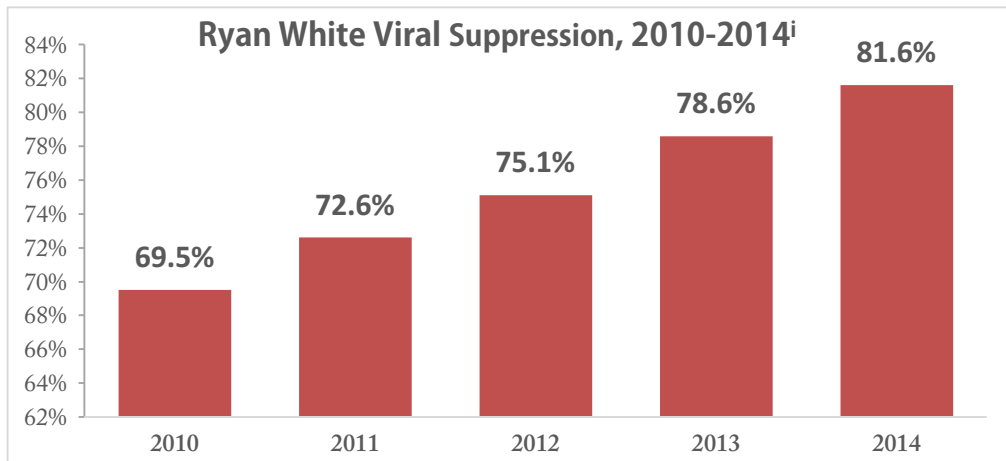


Part C of the Ryan White Program

Providing Effective, Comprehensive Medical Care to People Living with HIV/AIDS



FY2017

Part C's FY17 request is \$225.1 million, a \$20 million increase to help keep pace with rising numbers of new patients and to support effective health and cost outcomes.

Ryan White Part C Programs are Effective Medical Homes Serving Patients Nationwide

Part C of the Ryan White Program directly funds comprehensive and effective HIV care and treatment -- services that are responsible for the dramatic decrease in AIDS-related mortality and morbidity over the last decade. The Ryan White Program has supported the development of expert HIV care and treatment programs that achieve key outcomes that improve individual health and help prevent the transmission of HIV. In 2011, a groundbreaking clinical trial -- named the "scientific breakthrough of the year" by *Science* magazine -- found that HIV treatment not only saves the lives of people living with HIV, but also reduces HIV transmission by more than 96% -- proving that HIV treatment is also HIV prevention.

Part C directly funds more than 350 community health centers and clinics that provide comprehensive medical care in 49 states, Puerto Rico, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The program targets the most vulnerable communities, including people of color, women, and low-income populations. Part C-funded health centers and clinics provide treatment and care to an estimated 275,000 people each year, and Part C clinics also provide HIV counseling and testing to more than 750,000 people each year. Part C clinics often are the only means by which many persons receive HIV testing and care. Part C also is the primary method for delivering HIV care to rural areas. Approximately half of Part C providers serve rural communities.

Ryan White Part C Clinics Meet a Critical Public Health Need

Part C of the Ryan White Program supports comprehensive, lifesaving HIV medical services for underserved, underinsured, and uninsured people living with HIV/AIDS nationwide. The program's comprehensive services help to engage and keep people in HIV care and treatment. This fact is critical, because HIV disease is infectious, so identifying, engaging, and retaining persons living with HIV in effective care and treatment is an essential public health outcome that will help lead the nation to an AIDS-free generation.

HIV Treatment Saves Lives and is Cost Effective

Early and reliable access to HIV care and treatment both helps patients with HIV live *healthy and productive lives* and is more *cost effective*. One study from the Part C Clinic at the University of Alabama at Birmingham found that patients treated at the later stages of HIV disease required 2.6 times more health care dollars than those receiving earlier treatment meeting federal HIV treatment guidelines. *On average it costs \$3,501 per person per year (not including medication) to provide the comprehensive outpatient care available at Part-C funded programs.*ⁱⁱ

ⁱ See 2014 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) at <http://hab.hrsa.gov/data/servicesdelivered/2014rwhapdatareport.pdf>

ⁱⁱ Based on data from Gilman BH, Green, JC. *Understanding the variation in costs among HIV primary care providers. AIDS Care. 2008;20:1050-6.*