



Ryan White Program Part D

A Lifeline for Women, Infants, Children, Youth & Families Living With HIV/AIDS

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What Is Ryan White Program Part D?

- Part D of the Ryan White Program **provides family-centered, primary medical care to women, infants, children, and youth** (WICY) living with HIV/AIDS throughout the U.S. when payments for such services are unavailable from other sources. Family-centered care refers to services that address the health care needs of the persons living with HIV in order to achieve optimal health outcomes.
- Part D improves access to primary HIV medical care through coordinated, comprehensive, culturally and linguistically competent services. HIV primary medical care refers to outpatient or ambulatory care, including behavioral health, nutrition, oral health services, specialty HIV care and specialty medical care including obstetrics and gynecology.
- Part D provides funding to 114 community-based organizations, safety net and university hospitals and health departments in 39 states and Puerto Rico.
- Part D funds are divided among four cost categories: medical service costs, clinical quality management costs, support service costs, and administrative costs not to exceed 10 percent of the budget allocation.
- Medical Service related costs include visit fees associated with primary medical care, specialty and subspecialty care, referrals for health and support services, and adherence monitoring and education services on opportunities to participate in HIV/AIDS related clinical research.
- Clinical Quality Management (CQM) costs include: continuous quality improvement activities; data collection for CQM purposes; consumer involvement to improve services; and Electronic Medical Records.
- Support Service Costs include case management (medical, nonmedical, and family-centered); referrals for inpatient hospital services, treatment for substance use, and mental health services, outreach to recruit and retain with linkage, engagement, and retention in HIV care.

Who Receives Ryan White Program Part D Services?

- While Part D Programs account for less than 5 percent of Ryan White direct care dollars (minus Part F), approximately 200,000 women, infants, children, youth and family members access Ryan White Part D-funded program services.

- Support services, such as transportation, childcare, support groups, and translation services, may be offered to affected family members when those services are for the benefit of, and being utilized by, the WICY living with HIV at the same time.
- Specialized services help family members become active participants in the care of the infected individual.

Why Is Ryan White Program Part D Important?

- **Women made up nineteen percent of Americans living with HIV and twenty percent of AIDS diagnoses in 2014.** Women of color, particularly Black women share a disproportionate burden of HIV infection accounting for 61 percent of new infections in 2015.
- **Women living with HIV are disproportionately low income** and are more likely to have caretaking responsibilities – 76 percent of women in care have children under 18 in their homes, further complicating their ability to access and be retained in care without comprehensive and coordinated services.
- **Part D programs contribute significantly to the reduction of mother to child transmission of HIV in the U.S.** – approximately 9,000 women living with HIV give birth annually. Seventy-three percent of children diagnosed with HIV in 2014 were through perinatal transmission. In 2010, 11,355 infants (including exposed infants) and children were served by Part D.
- **Youth aged 13-24 accounted for twenty-two percent of all new HIV infections in 2014.** Over 50 percent of youth with HIV do not know they are infected. Black youth accounted for 55 percent of all new infections among youth. Eighty-one percent of diagnoses among youth occurred in persons aged 20 to 24 and two-thirds of these were among young Black women.
- **Part D programs are the entry point into medical care for many HIV-positive youth and women including pregnant women in their geographical area.** Part D projects coordinate HIV services that help women, children and youth access medical care and adhere to treatment regimens.

What is Ryan White Program Part D 2017 Appropriations Request?

- Part D received \$72.4 million in FY 2013 (a reduction of \$4.8 million) and \$75.1 million in FY 2014 operating budget (an increase of \$2.7 million) for that fiscal year. Part D has not received increased funding since FY 2014.
- Ryan White Part D has remained level funded in FY 2014 through FY 2016 respectively, at \$75.1 million. Combining this effect with the increased number of patients seeking Part D services we are requesting a **\$9.9 million increase in funding for Ryan White Part D programs in FY 2017 for a total amount of \$85 million.**
- Ryan White Part D is extremely cost effective relative to the care and treatment services provided to populations highly impacted in HIV/AIDS. The requested increase of \$9.9 million should be targeted to pregnant-women, women of childbearing age and youth, (particularly young Black women and Black young men who have sex with men) to ensure that these populations are recruited and retained in care.