HRSA Response to Monkeypox Outbreak

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HRSA Monkeypox Response

Disseminate information

HRSA understands the importance of keeping Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients, subrecipients, and stakeholders up to date about Monkeypox. Please review these resources for the latest news and updates on Monkeypox.
August 8, 2022

Dear Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Colleagues:

On August 4, 2022, the monkeypox outbreak was declared a public health emergency in the U.S. From the outset, the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) engaged with federal partners across the Department of Health & Human Services (HHS), including the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), to provide resources to combat the accelerating spread of monkeypox, help health care providers who are treating patients who have monkeypox, and ensure those most at risk are at the focus of our response efforts.
HRSA MPx Vaccine Distribution Initiative

• In August 2022, HRSA received an allotment of the JYNNEOS vaccine for MPx for rapid distribution to Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients, to help reduce the outbreak among those most affected.

• HRSA was identified as a distribution point due to the health care services we support for individuals living with HIV and the large number of uninsured and underinsured patients seen in dually-funded RWHAP and Health Center Programs.

• To expedite dispensing of the JYNNEOS vaccine, HRSA provided the vaccine to RWHAP Part C dually funded Health Center Program providers that care for a significant number of men who have sex with men and transgender persons.
  ▪ The identified providers already had access to the Health Partner Order Portal, which aided in quickly getting the vaccine to clients.
HRSA MPx Vaccine Distribution Initiative (cont.)

• To prepare for the potential future allotments of JYNNEOS, HRSA is working with Part C dually funded Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part C and Health Center Program recipients that care for a significant number of men who have sex with men and transgender persons who are not currently registered in the Health Partner Order Portal (HPOP).

• With the September 28 updated CDC guidance that Monkeypox PrEP should be offered to people with the highest potential for exposure to monkeypox, HRSA notified recipients who received JYNNEOS through this initiative.
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• For additional information about this initiative and to view the list of providers who received the vaccine to date, please visit: https://www.hrsa.gov/monkeypox

• Also review HRSA’s MPx FAQs: https://www.hrsa.gov/monkeypox/faqs
HRSA MPx Technical Assistance Resources

- HRSA HAB Monkeypox Information: https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/resources/monkeypox

- HRSA HAB Program Letters: https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/grants/program-letters
  - August 17, 2022: Monkeypox Vaccine Distribution Initiative for RWHAP Part C Dually Funded Health Center Program Recipients
  - August 8, 2022: Monkeypox Guidance for Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Recipients

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