

RSR In Focus: Understanding the Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02

Introduction

[Policy Clarification Notice \(PCN\) #16-02](#) provides information regarding Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) client eligibility and program guidance for allowable service categories. It clarifies service category definitions, aligning them across HRSA HAB documents and activities. This document summarizes the changes that may affect your data management and reporting practices and is relevant to all recipients and providers funded by RWHAP.

Eligible Individuals

Clients must meet income and other eligibility criteria as established by the recipient. PCN #16-02 states that **recipients may define eligibility for certain services more precisely, but they cannot broaden the definition of who is eligible for services.** The PCN also outlines the circumstances in which affected individuals who are not HIV-positive may be eligible for RWHAP services.

Allowable Costs

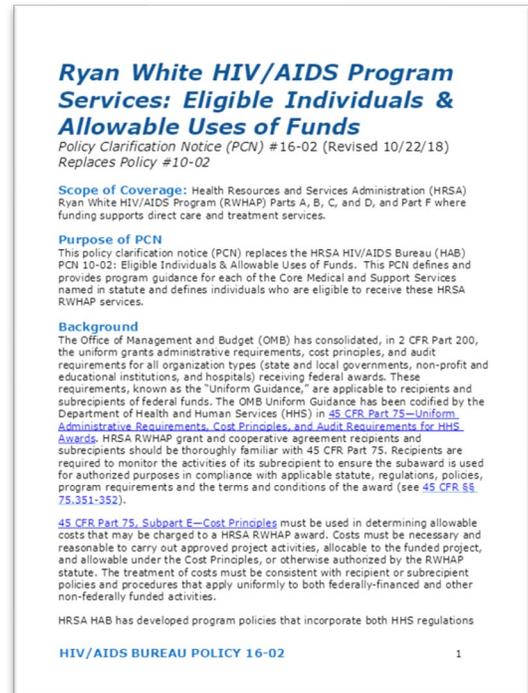
The PCN also outlines allowable and unallowable costs for RWHAP funding. In order to be an allowable cost, all services must:

1. Relate to HIV diagnosis, care, and support
2. Adhere to [established HIV clinical practice standards](#)
3. Comply with state and local regulations, and be provided by licensed or authorized providers as applicable

Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Services

Recipients of Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) Initiative funding should reference PCN #16-02 when completing the RSR to determine which service categories their EHE Initiative-funded activities align with. Services that are funded with by an EHE grant that align with one of the service categories in PCN #16-02 should be reported as that service category. **“EHE Initiative Services” should only be used for services which do not fit in to an existing service category in PCN #16-02.**

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Service Category Descriptions & Program Guidance

The PCN includes comprehensive descriptions and program guidance for each of the following RSR service categories:

RWHAP Core Medical Services:

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program Treatments
- AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance
- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals
- Home and Community-Based Health Services
- Home Health Care
- Hospice
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherent Services*
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services*
- Substance Use Outpatient Care

RWHAP Support Services

- Child Care Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Health Education/Risk Reduction
- Housing
- Linguistic Services
- Medical Transportation
- Non-Medical Case Management
- Other Professional Services
- Outreach Services
- Psychosocial Support Services
- Referral for Health Care and Support Services
- Rehabilitation Services
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse Services (residential)

* **Treatment Adherence Services** provided during an OAHS visit should be reported under the OAHS service category, whereas Treatment Adherence Services provided during a Medical Case Management visit should be reported as Medical Case Management.

Need help with your RSR?

- Contact Ryan White Data Support at ryanwhitedatasupport@wrma.com or 888-640-9356 if you have questions about how to report specific services in the RSR
- Contact the DISQ Team at data.ta@caiglobal.org for assistance with data quality.

Remember - there is no wrong door for TA!

Reach out to [DISQ](#) and we can help you get the support you need.

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