

Current and Future Trends in HIV Housing Policy

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Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, the participant will be able to:

1. Describe and have the tools to participate in national policy efforts related to the expansion of housing resources for people living with HIV/AIDS
2. Describe local strategies to increase and better coordinate housing with Ryan White and Medicaid
3. Apply elements of community-level examples of policy and advocacy strategies to increase housing resources with their regional officials.





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Housing as a Structural Intervention

- Connecticut – Shawn Lang



Housing and HIV/AIDS Epidemic

- Proven structural intervention in the treatment of HIV/AIDS
- Part of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy
- Cost effective intervention

Research shows that *Stable housing is critical to helping those living with HIV adhere to treatment, reducing the likelihood of more costly HIV-related complications.*



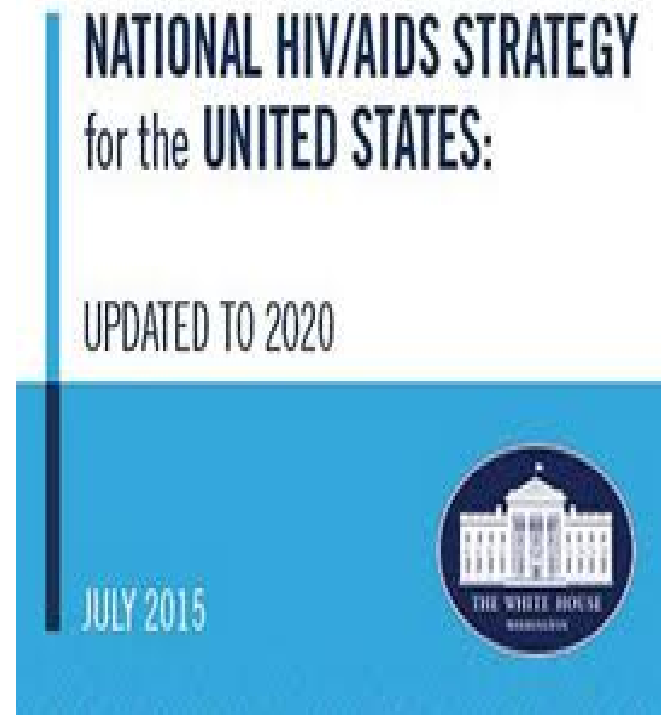
Housing as Healthcare Project

The goal of the Housing is Health Care Project is to achieve a “future state” of integrated health care delivery that includes federal support for state-level innovation to provide non-institutional housing as a health care intervention that improves health outcomes and lowers public costs for medically underserved Medicaid beneficiaries, particularly low-income homeless and unstably housed people living with chronic and/or disabling conditions.

Such a sustainable funding stream would significantly expand available housing supports toward a goal of meeting a real need.

Housing and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

- **Goal 4: Achieving a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic**
 - On a federal level, departments and agencies are tasked with achieving a more coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic by
 - Increasing the coordination of HIV programs
 - Developing improved mechanisms to monitor and report on progress





Housing and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Indicator 7

Reduce the Percentage of Persons in HIV Medical care who are homeless to no more than 5%

Was:

Increase the percentage of Ryan white HIV/AIDS program clients with permanent housing from 82% to 86%



Housing and the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Incorporates the White House's HIV Care Continuum Initiative

5.4: HUD and HHS will provide technical assistance and trainings to better coordinate and align the provision of housing services with medical care for PLWHA.

Incorporates updating the HOPWA Formula

The NHAS Update clearly recognizes the need for allocating public funding consistent with the geographic distribution.



The HIV Housing Care Continuum Initiative

HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing collaborated with the National AIDS Housing Coalition and Collaborative Solutions, Inc. to carry out a series of regional meetings focused on the connection between stable housing and improved outcomes along the [HIV Care Continuum](#).

This TA effort focused on increasing the ability of the Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) grantees to measure health outcomes and to understand how stable housing impacts access to health care and health status for persons living with HIV/AIDS.



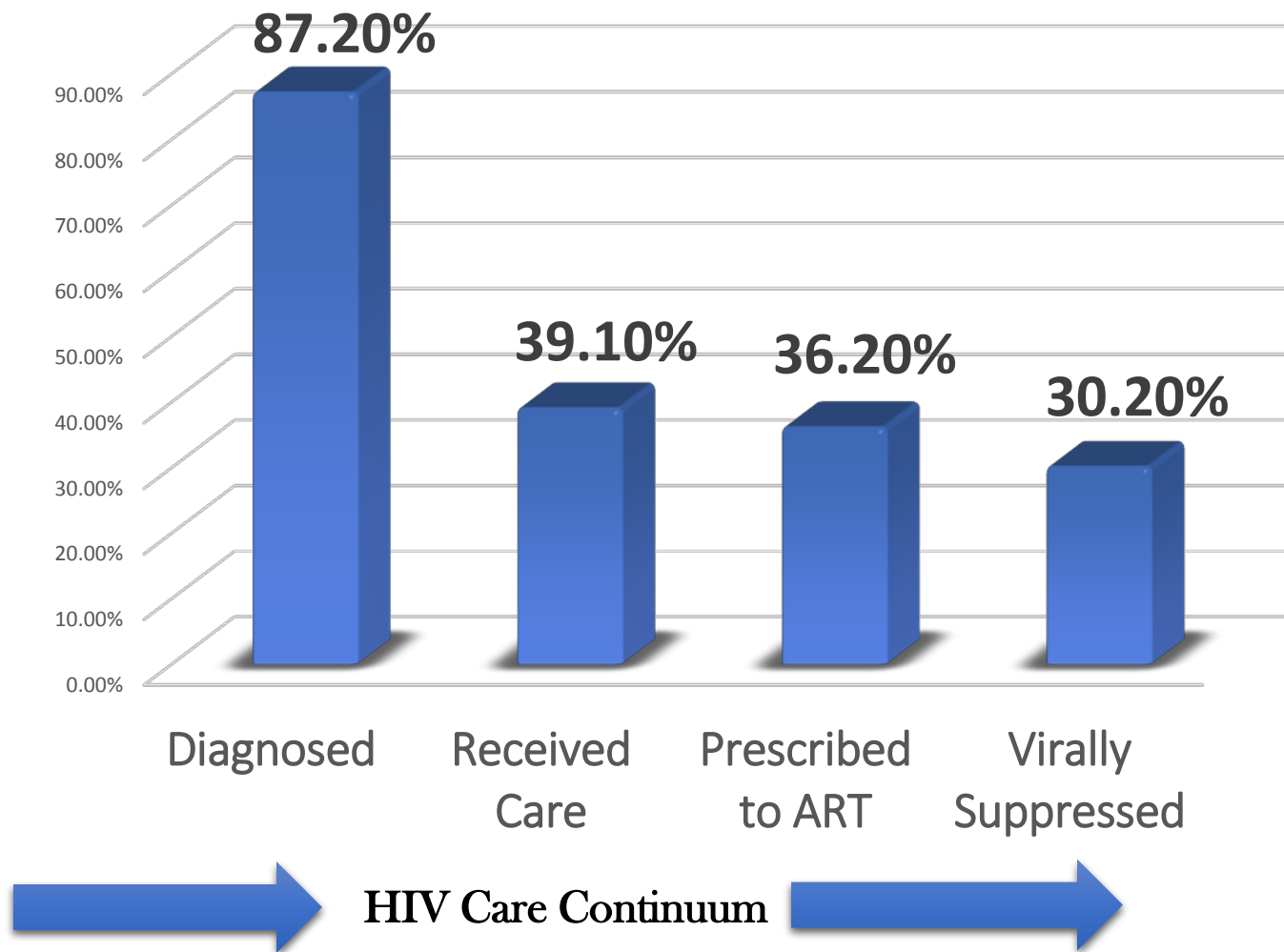
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- HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing developed a white paper to assist HOPWA providers and HIV service organizations to implement President Obama's HIV Care Continuum Initiative.



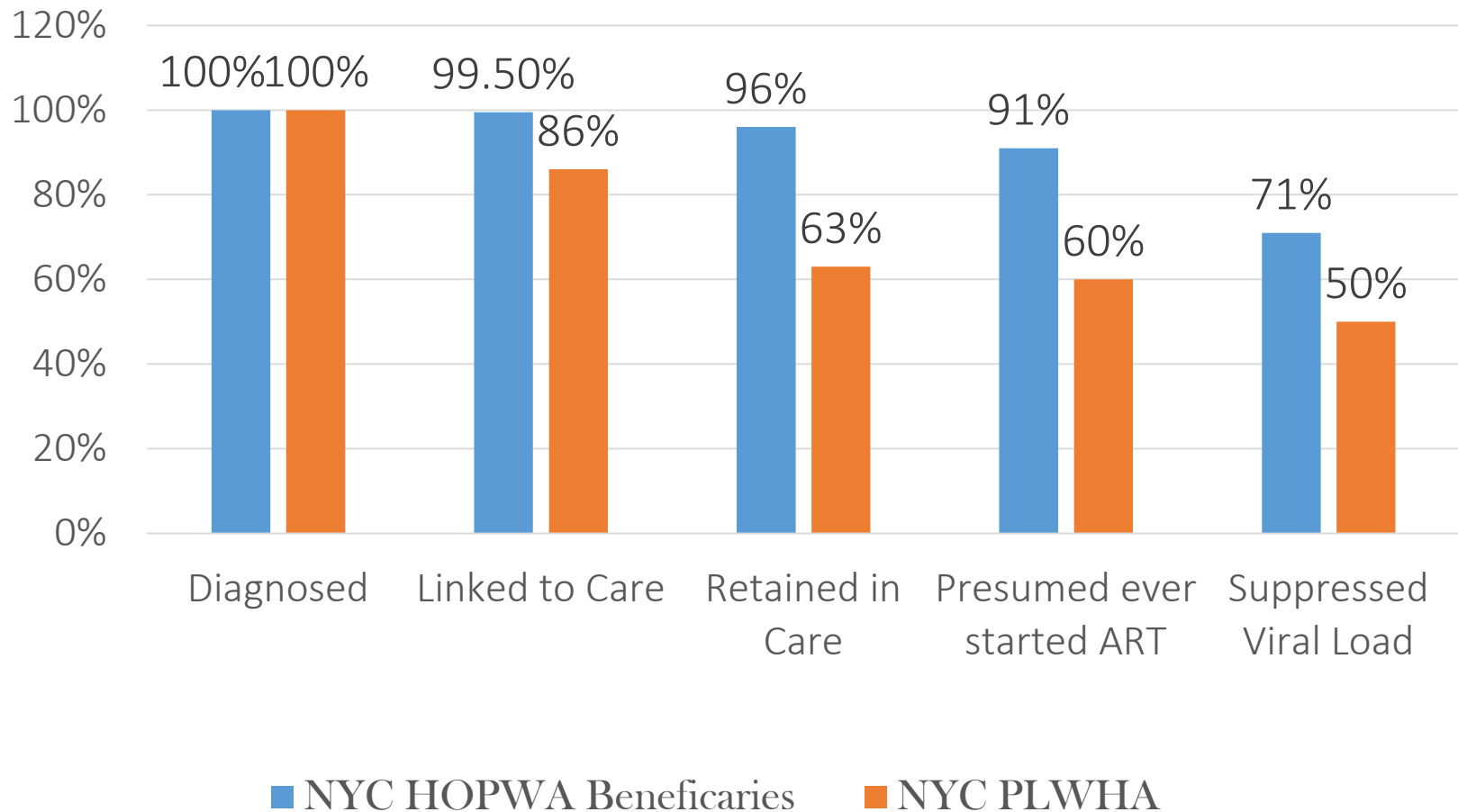


The U.S. HIV Care Continuum, 2012





NYC PLWHA & HOPWA Care Continuum, 2013





HOPWA Modernization

“Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act of 2016” H.R. 3700

Bi-partisan amendment by Rep. David Price (D-NC) and Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL).

Passed the House unanimously on February 2, 2016.

Passed Senate unanimously on July 14, 2016.

President signed into law (PL-114-201) July 29, 2016

Includes: Title VII – Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS, Sec. 701: Formula and Terms for Allocations to Prevent Homelessness for Individuals Living with HIV or AIDS.



HOPWA Modernization

The update will:

- Count the number of individuals *living* with HIV/AIDS;
- Factor in differences in housing costs based on fair market rents and differences in poverty rates;
- Continue eligibility for current grantees subject to appropriations and the local comprehensive housing affordability strategy, with eligibility to be re-determined at least every ten years following FY2016;
- Phase-in implementation over five (5) years to provide grantees time to adjust to changes; and
- Include a stop-loss provision capping grantees losses at 5% and gains at 10% of the prior year's allocation.



Housing as a Structural Intervention for Improved Health Outcomes

Connecticut





Questions? Discussion

In what ways should we focus on housing as HIV/AIDS healthcare?



Questions? Discussion

What are the biggest challenges you are facing in providing, acquiring or maintaining HIV/AIDS Housing services?





Questions? Discussion

Where do you see the future of HIV/AIDS housing?



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