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The goal of the ACE TA Center is to help RWHAP grantees and sub-grantees enroll diverse clients. especially people of color, in health insurance.

In collaboration with HRSA, the ACE TA Center will work with grantees and providers to engage newly

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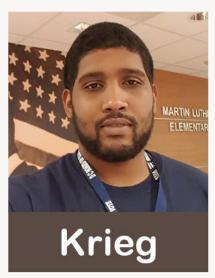


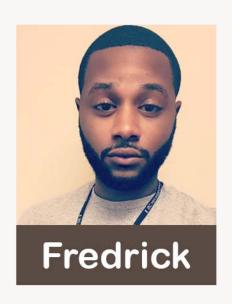
Engaging Hard-to-Enroll Clients During Open Enrollment

Access, Care, and Engagement (ACE) TA Center November 17, 2016









Today's presenters

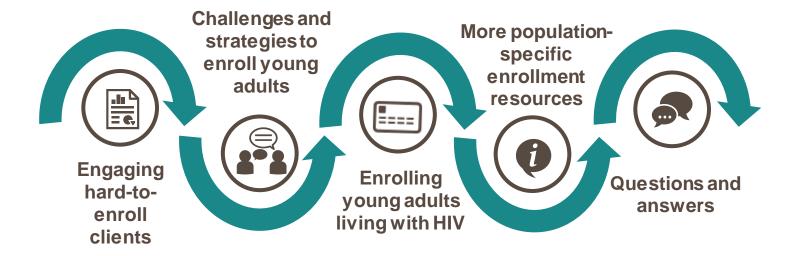


Participant Learning Objectives

- Describe why some clients may be particularly hard-toenroll in health coverage
- Describe promising practices to engage hard-to-enroll clients in conversations about coverage
- 3. Determine how to document and monitor your engagement with these clients
- 4. Know where to go for resources to support enrollment of specific populations, including young adults



Session overview

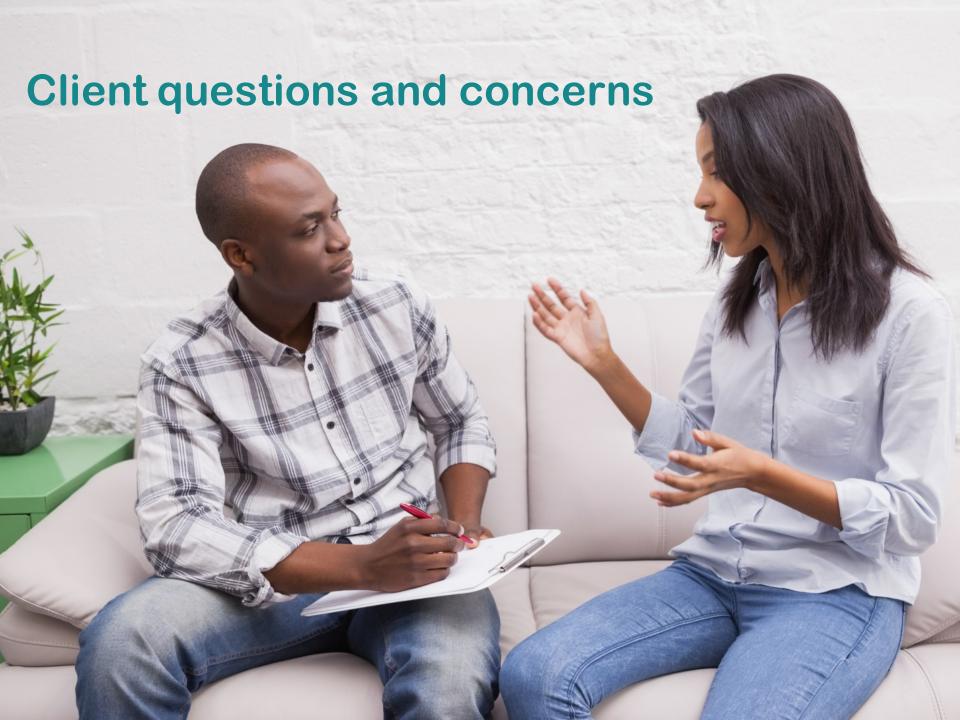




Common enrollment challenges

- Complex medical/behavioral health conditions
- Housing instability
- Ineligibility (e.g., immigration or Medicaid gap)
- Questions and concerns about getting health insurance





Poll

What are the main reasons your clients may still be unenrolled? [check all that apply]

- □ Complex medical/behavioral issues
- ■Unstable housing
- ☐ Ineligible for coverage
- □ Don't want to change providers
- □ Concerned about HIV disclosure
- ☐ Mistrust of the health care system
- ☐ Concerned about plan costs
- □ Questions or confusion about the ACA
- □Other (please chat responses)





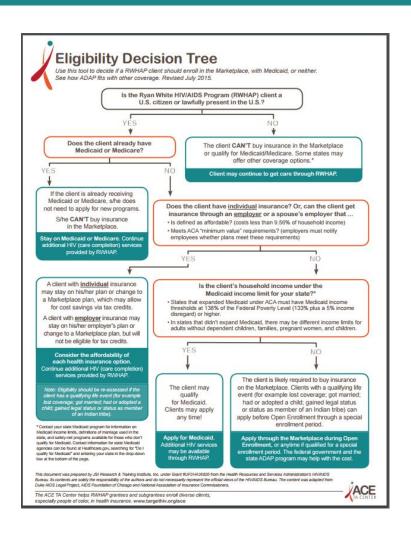


Four steps to engage hard-to-enroll clients

- 1. Determine if your client may be eligible for health coverage.
- 2. Engage hard-to-enroll eligible clients in conversations about coverage.
- 3. Develop policies and procedures to document your efforts to enroll clients in coverage.
- 4. Document and monitor your efforts to enroll clients in coverage.



Step 1. Determine eligibility



 Determine if your client is eligible for Marketplace or Medicaid coverage



For ineligible clients

- Monitor status of eligibility including opportunities for Special Enrollment Periods.
- Help client complete and submit an attestation form (see Step 4).
- Explore eligibility for other coverage options including CHIP, Medicare, and employer coverage.
- Make sure clients know that the RWHAP, including ADAP, remains available to assist eligible clients.

For eligible, unenrolled clients

- Identify and address clients' concerns and questions.
- What to do when clients aren't forthcoming:
 - Establish open communication
 - Use strategies such as motivational interviewing to identify barriers and work toward addressing them
 - Use ACE discussion guide and consumer tools





Poll

- Which of these questions or concerns have you heard from your clients? [check all that apply]
- ☐ The health plan will be too expensive
- My medication will be too expensive
- ☐ I don't want to change providers
- ☐ I don't need coverage
- ☐ I already have coverage through RWHAP
- ☐ I am worried about my immigration status
- ☐ I am focused on other issues right now



Address clients' questions and concerns

If you don't have health insurance, now is a good time to get it.

Take the next step for a healthy life.

Health insurance helps you pay for the health care you need to stay healthy. Changes in health care laws have made it much easier to get health insurance now. Over 16 million people have already signed up, but others still have questions or concerns. Do you have questions about health insurance? Here are some answers.

66Why do I need health insurance? I already get my HIV care through the Ryan White Program."

Health insurance covers care for all your health needs. In addition to your HIV care and medications, you'll be able to get other health services, such as:

- Free preventive care, like flu shots and cancer screenings
- Care and medications for other health problems you may have, like heart disease or diabetes
- Hospitalizations
- Substance use treatment and mental health services
- Maternity care

Health insurance protects your finances. If something unexpected happens, like a car accident, you won't go broke paying hospital bills.

"My case manager helped me find an affordable health insurance plan that covers all of my health care needs, including my HIV medication."



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Get Covered for a Healthy Life provides answers to many questions clients might have regarding cost, care and access concerns.

66 Health insurance can be expensive. How will I pay for it?"

You can get help paying for health insurance depending on how much money you make. In many places, the Ryan White Program, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), can help with insurance and medication costs -- even after you get covered.



Practice role-playing

1 CHANGES IN PROVIDERS AND COVERAGE

Many RWHAP clients, especially those who have never had health coverage, don't know how the ACA will change their health care. They may worry about losing their current doctor and maintaining their HIV care. The following questions, answers, resources, and tips can help enrollment assisters respond to these worries in culturally appropriate ways.



CLIENT: Why do I need health insurance when I get my care through the Ryan White Program?

STAFF: Health insurance helps you in two major ways. First, insurance covers care for all your health needs. In addition to your HIV care and medications, you'll be able to get other health services, such as free preventive cane, like flu shots and cancer screenings. You can also get care for other health problems you may already have, like heart disease or diabetes. Second, health insurance protects your finances. If something unexpected happens, like a car accident, you won't go broke paying hospital bills. Also, you can still get services from the Ryan White Program, like housing assistance and support groups, that are not covered by your health insurance.



Give specific examples of how insurance for preventive services, screening, and treatment can help this client



CLIENT: Does enrolling in health insurance mean I'm going to have a new doctor? I want to stay with the one I have now.

STAFF: If you want to keep your current doctor, you need to pick a health plan that your doctor accepts. I can help you look for plans that include your current doctor. All plans include HIV providers, and if you choose a plan that doesn't include your current doctor, you will probably get to know and trust your new doctor over time. If that doesn't happen, I can help you find a different doctor.



Do not promise clients that they will not have changes in current providers or services. Emphasize that most clients will have more services available to them if they enroll.



CLIENT: Will I still be able to get my HIV medications? Will they cost more?

STAFF: Health insurance plans are now required to cover HIV medications and other prescription drugs. How much you pay for your medications will depend on what are known as out-of-pocket costs (deductibles, co-pays, or coinsurance) for the plan you choose. I can help you look for an affordable plan that includes your HIV medications. The Ryan White Program, including ADAP, may help cover some or all of these costs. There may be other programs that can help, too.





Be prepared to explain how the Ryan White Program in your state, including the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), as well as any local drug assistance programs and other resources, can help clients with premiums and out-of-pocket costs.



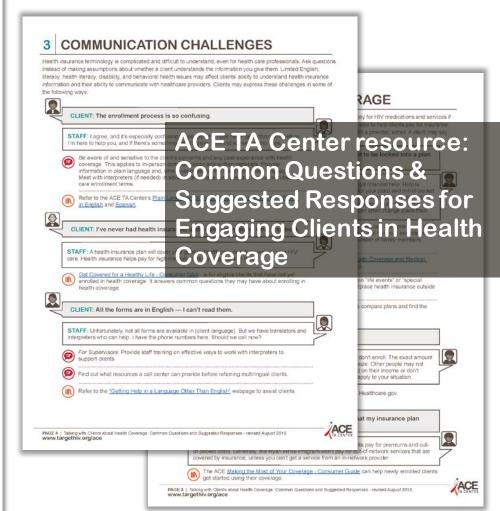
NASTAD Patient Assistance Programs and Cost-Sharing Assistance Fact Sheet



ADAP Eligibility & Insurance Assistance Resources - lists state ADAP programs, including formularies and cost assistance programs

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Available in English and Spanish!





CLIENT: My spouse/partner/family doesn't think we should enroll.



STAFF: A lot of people have doubts. Tell me about yours. [Address client's concerns]. Your plan may cover your family, too. Talk it over with your spouse/partner/family so you can decide together.



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Step 3. Develop policies/procedures and document your efforts

- HRSA HAB policies for documentation of eligible clients, including "vigorously pursue."
- Understand policies in your state, and follow any guidance from your local RWHAP Part A and/or Part B.
- Develop your own procedures to document enrollment activities.
- Talk with your HAB Project Officer about your plans and ask any questions.

HRSA Policy Clarification Notices

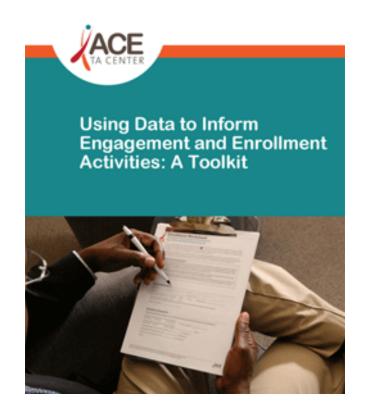
- Guidance on "vigorously pursue"
 - PCN 13-05: Clarifications Regarding Use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds for Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Private Health Insurance
 - "Grantees and their contractors are expected to vigorously pursue enrollment into health care coverage for which their clients may be eligible..."
- Other relevant PCNs:
 - PCN 13-01: Clarifications Regarding Medicaid-Eligible Clients and Coverage of Services by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program
 - PCN 13-04: Clarifications Regarding Clients Eligible for Private Health Insurance and Coverage of Services by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program

Step 4. Document and Monitor

- Document your efforts to assess, engage, enroll and retain clients in coverage.
- Track enrolled clients and those who decline to enroll or are ineligible.
- Use the ACE Data Toolkit to make a data collection plan and use data to improve your efforts.



ACE Data Toolkit



Designed to help (RWHAP) recipients and subrecipients use data to document, monitor, and improve enrollment of PLWH in health insurance coverage options.

Toolkit helps:

- Track activities and progress in enrollment
- Identify populations in need of assistance
- Inform organizational quality improvement efforts and future enrollment activities
- Demonstrate effectiveness of enrollment
- Help show "vigorously pursue"



Tracking and monitoring

- Demonstrate efforts to "vigorously pursue" enrollment.
- Keep track of your efforts with all clients who enroll, decline to enroll or are ineligible:
 - Eligible and successfully enrolled
 - Eligible, not yet enrolled
 - Declined or not currently eligible
- Clients who decline coverage or are not eligible should complete an attestation form.

Poll

Does your organization use an attestation form? [check only one]

- Yes, we use one routinely
- o Yes, but we don't always use it
- o No, we don't have one
- o I'm not sure
- o N/A





Engaging Hard-to-Enroll Clients and Tracking Your Efforts

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Step 1. Determine if your client may be eligible for health coverage.

Explore health coverage options such as Marketplace plans, Medicaid, CHIP, Medicare, employer-sponsored health insurance coverage, or other private health insurance. <u>Jump to resources and strategies</u>

Step 2. Engage hard-to-enroll eligible clients in conversations about coverage.

Consider aligning your engagement and enrollment activities with RWHAP eligibility determination and recertification activities. <u>Jump to resources and strategies</u>

Step 3. Develop policies and procedures to document your efforts to enroll clients in coverage.

These policies and procedures can also help you to demonstrate "vigorous pursuit" of clients into health coverage. Document the steps you take toward enrolling eligible clients.

<u>Jump to resources and strategies</u>

Step 4. Document and monitor your efforts to enroll clients in coverage.

Implement your policies and procedures from Step 3, which may include collecting data

More ACE best practices

- ACE archived webinar: April 27, 2016: Best Practices to Engage, Enroll, and Retain Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Clients in Health Coverage
- Organizational Self-Assessment Tool

Learn more about best and promising practices here: https://careacttarget.org/ace/best-practices









Millennial Engagement Best Practices: Notes from the Field

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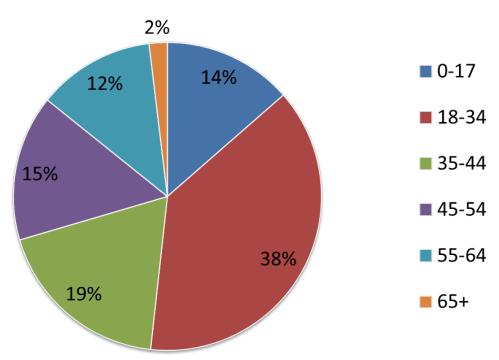
Healthy Young America

- Campaign goals:
 - Educate and help enroll 25,000 young adults nationwide
 - Train partners to effectively reach young adults
 - Reach another 1 million young adults through digital engagement
 - Increase health care literacy through workshops and focus groups



Uninsured Millennials





Source: (US Census Bureau) http://www.census.gov/cps/data/cpstablecreator.html

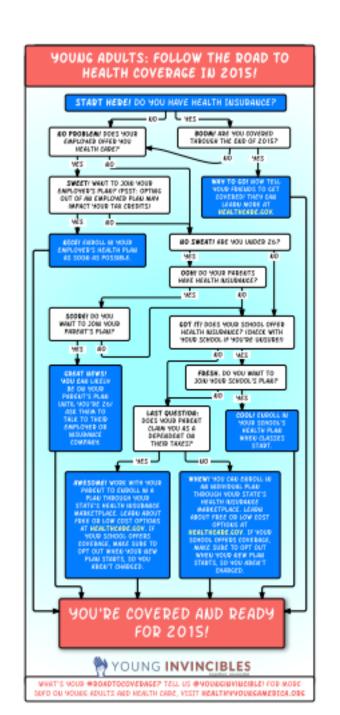


Strategies & Messaging

REACHING MILLENNIALS

Ways to get covered

- HealthCare.Gov or state website, the official health insurance marketplace
 - Medicaid
 - Qualified Health Plans (QHP)
- Stay on a parent's plan (if you're under 26 and the plan covers dependents)
- Student health plans
- Job-based coverage



The ACA: What Affects Young Adults

- Provisions that most affect young adults ages 18-34:
 - Pre-existing conditions
 - Preventive services
 - Medicaid
 - Marketplaces & tax credits
 - Catastrophic plans (not recommended)
- What to highlight about the ACA:
 - Built-in assistance
 - Affordable options





Young Adults & Pre-existing Conditions

- No more "pre-existing condition" discrimination
 - Cannot be denied coverage for being sick
- No annual or lifetime dollar limits on benefits
 - Can no longer "max out" on coverage
- No discrimination based on gender
 - Women are no longer charged higher premiums



Preventive Services

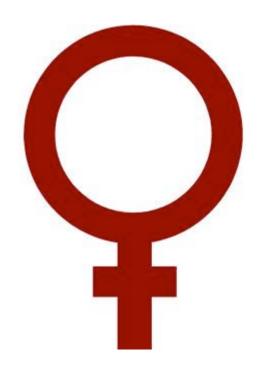
- Be proactive about your health!
- Free preventive services covered by all plans:
 - Flu shots
 - Blood pressure and cholesterol screenings
 - HIV screening
 - Immunizations, like Hepatitis and Tetanus
- Preventive care also includes women's health benefits





Women's Preventive Services

- Well-woman visits
- Support for breastfeeding
- Domestic violence screenings and counseling
- Mammograms and cancer screenings





What is a Qualified Health Plan?

- Certified by a marketplace
- Has adequate provider networks
- Uses Navigators to conduct outreach and enrollment assistance
- Streamlined application and coverage information
- Provides Essential Health Benefits





10 Essential Health Benefits











Ambulatory patient services

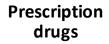
Emergency services

Hospitalization

Maternity/
newborn care

Mental health and substance use disorder services







Rehabilitative and habilitative services



Laboratory services



Preventive and wellness services/chronic disease management



Pediatric services

Tax credits

- Those making between 100-400% of FPL could qualify for premium tax credits (subsidies)
- An advance premium tax credit allows a person to receive assistance at the time that they purchase insurance

Household Size	100% FPL	400% FPL
1	\$11,770	\$47,080
2	\$15,930	\$63,720
3	\$20,090	\$80,360
4	\$24,250	\$97,000
5	\$28,410	\$113,640

Individual Mandate and Penalties

- Individuals must have "minimum essential coverage" (MEC) or pay a penalty
- Penalty is pro-rated
- Grace period for those insured less than 3 months
- Capped at national average annual premium for a Bronze plan
 - 2015: \$2,484 per individual, or \$12,240 for a family of 5+





Medicaid Overview

- Federal-state partnership
- Provides free or low-cost health coverage to some low-income people
- Not to be confused w/ Medicare, which is health coverage for people 65+

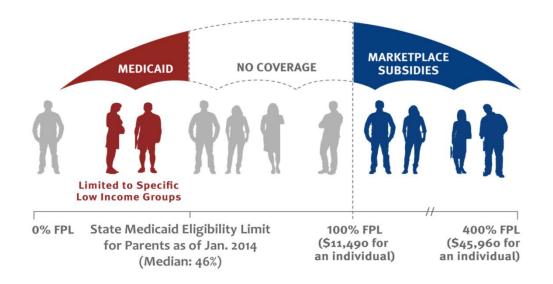




The Medicaid Coverage Gap

Figure 3

In states that do not expand Medicaid under the ACA, there will be large gaps in coverage available for adults.



NOTE: Applies to states that do not expand Medicaid. In most states not moving forward with the expansion, adults without children are ineligible for Medicaid .



Messaging to Young Adults

- Benefits of having insurance
 - Get preventive care free
- Financial security
 - Young adults end up in the ER more than any other age group outside the elderly
- Financial assistance
 - Vast majority receive financial help
- Individual mandate & penalty
 - Why pay something for nothing?





Deadline Pushes



- December 15th Deadline
 For plans starting Jan 1st
- January 15th Deadline
 For plans starting Feb 1st
- January 31st Deadline
 Last Day for Open Enrollment
 Plans start February 1st





SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIODS

Special Enrollment & Qualifying Life Events

Turning 26 & losing coverage

Having a baby

Moving to a new area

Gaining a new immigration status

Getting married

Leaving a parent's plan

Returning Citizens

Individuals have 60 days from the qualifying event to enroll in an insurance plan

Young Adults & Qualifying Life Events

- Young adults more likely to experience qualifying life events than any other age group
 - 83% of new mothers are 18-34
 - Median age for marriage: 28 for men, 26 for women
 - Change jobs every 2 years
 - Move at twice the national rate
 - ~4.2 million people turned 26 in 2014



Turning 26 – Its Your Birthday

- You have 60 days before or after your 26th birthday to enroll in a marketplace plan
- If you're enrolling in job-based coverage, you may only have 30 days
- Start early to avoid a gap in coverage!



Looking Ahead: Year Four



- Open Enrollment:
 - November 1st January 31st
- 2017 plans begin:
 - January 1st

- Deadline to actively renew:
 - December 15th
- National Youth Enrollment Day:
 - December 10th



Key Takeaways

- Message based on affordability of plans through tax credits.
- Plans offer free preventive care and other benefits.
- Avoiding the penalty, why pay for something and get nothing.
- Deadline pushes.



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We are in this struggle together.

Young adults and HIV

- In 2013, almost 40,000 individuals aged 13-24 were living with HIV.
- Approximately 9,000 individuals in this age group were diagnosed in 2014.
- In 2014, African American youth were diagnosed at a rate 11 times higher than whites.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Diagnoses of HIV infection among adolescents and young adults in the United States and 6 dependent areas, 2010–2014. http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/library/reports/surveillance/



Challenge: Helping young adults understand why they need coverage

- Many uninsured young adults living with HIV that receive RWHAP services
 - Don't feel they need health coverage for other medical services.
 - May not see the benefits of coverage beyond HIV care (e.g., catastrophic care, mental health, substance use disorder services, preventive screening).
 - The 'big picture' benefits of health insurance are not understood.
 - 'Clients think a quick run to the drugstore will be okay – they aren't thinking about the long game.'

What you can do: explain the value of coverage

- Highlight services that may be covered by health insurance but not available through the RWHAP.
- Explain how coverage can improve financial security.
- Encourage clients to ask questions.
- Assure them the ACA is a law meant to help and protect them and is not as complicated as it might seem.



Challenge: addressing concerns about affordability

- Affordability issues
 - Ability to pay premiums
 - Cost-sharing responsibilities
- Constrained by employment options
 - Feel they must choose between taking undesired employment for employee sponsored health insurance, or remaining uninsured.
- Lack of knowledge about financial help through premium tax credits and cost-sharing reductions.



What you can do: explain that financial help is available

- Understand what financial assistance is available to consumers through the Marketplace
- Know what the RWHAP, including ADAP, can help consumers pay for in your area
 - May include premium support and/or co-pay assistance
 - Check with your state ADAP or Part A program



Lack of HIV knowledge among enrollment assisters

- Many enrollment agents/brokers and enrollment assisters do not know about the specific health care needs of PLWH.
- Young adults are hesitant to disclose HIV status to agents/brokers with whom they don't have a relationship.
- Lack of information on either side can result in selecting a plan that ends up costing more and covering less.

What you can do: identify and educate enrollment partners

- One-on-one enrollment assistance is crucial.
- HIV providers should have at least one enrollment assister on staff.
- Educate consumers about the importance of enrolling through these trusted partners.





Telephone: 803-254-6644

Web: schivaidscouncil.org

Video: How Assisters Can Help People Living with HIV Get Affordable Coverage





FAQ: Premium Tax Credits (PTCs) and Cost-Sharing Reductions (CSRs)

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The federal government provides financial support for many consumers who get health coverage through the Marketplace. Learn how **Premium Tax Credits** (PTCs) and Cost-Sharing Reductions (CSRs) can help Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) clients pay for health insurance.



Premium Tax Credit (PTC)

FAQ: Financial The Affordable Care Act provides a new tax credit to help lower the cost of premiu health care coverage purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Advance to the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of the tax credit can be used right away to lower your monthly premium of tax credit can be used to tax control tax contr Insurance

Cost-Sharing Reduction (CSR)

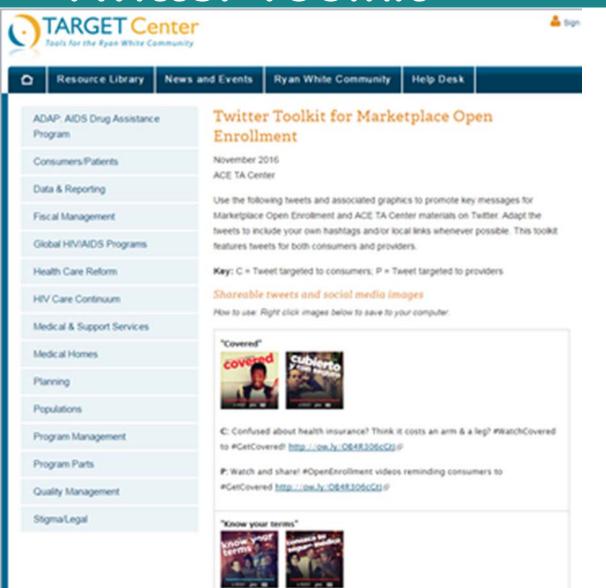
A discount that lowers the amount individuals and families have to pay out-of-poor deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments. CSRs are NOT used to pay premiums

A person may receive both a PTC and a CSR. People who apply for PTCs are automatically assessed for CSRs.

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. Who is eligible?
- 2. How much financial help is available?
- 3. What income is considered?

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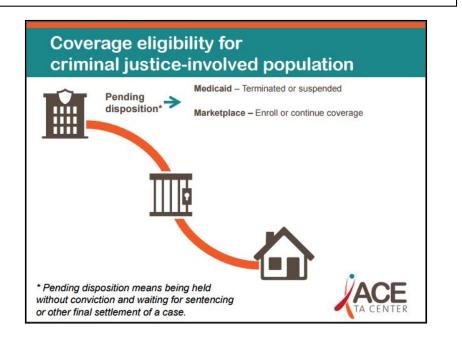




Archived webinar: recently incarcerated individuals

Strategies for connecting to health coverage and HIV care

- ADAP application completed pre-release
- Marketplace Special Enrollment Period
- Support enrollment through partnerships
- Case managers as enrollment assisters





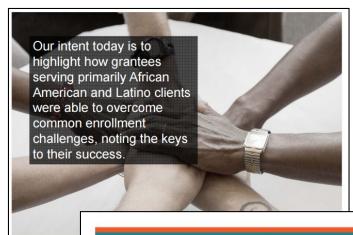
Connecting Recently Incarcerated People Living with HIV to Health Coverage and Care

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Archived webinar: diverse communities



Strategies to Reduce Disparities among PLWH

- Linkage to comprehensive, culturally appropriate care and treatment services
- Broad support for PLWH to remain engaged in care and to stay on treatment
- Ensuring access to care and insurance coverage for all PLWH

Source: National HIV/AIDS Strategy for the United State: Updated to



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In It Together- National Health Literacy Project for Black MSM







https://hivhealthliteracy.careacttarget.org/

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