

NEVADA'S

RYAN WHITE PROGRAMS

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A Resource Guide



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Introduction

The Nevada Ryan White Program is committed to working together to achieve the goals of an HIV-free and AIDS-free future through the best practices of advocacy, prevention, testing, treatment and care.

We are guided by the principles of public health and social justice and driven by the mission to promote health and reduce both impact and incidence of HIV/AIDS by working in partnership with other agencies and diverse community groups.

The Programs are dedicated to providing access to quality medical care and support services free from discrimination and stigma no matter what **gender, race, color, age, national origin or citizenship, religion or creed, disability, genetic information, marital or relationship status, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, pregnancy or maternity, veteran status or choices in life.**

Because everyone has the right to live a healthy and fulfilled life.

Like the National HIV/AIDS Strategy, it is our goal to change the way people talk about HIV, prioritize and organize prevention and care services locally, and deliver clinical and non-clinical services that support people living with HIV to remain engaged in care.

This resource guide is designed and written for **you**, the Ryan White client, as you take those important first few steps. Steps that will connect you to care sooner rather than later so you can benefit from early treatment!

AM I ELIGIBLE?

The great news is that there is one enrollment process for acceptance into the Ryan White Nevada Programs. Eligibility determination is facilitated with the help of an Eligibility Specialist.

- Nevada residency
- Confirmed HIV diagnosis
- Initial laboratory tests of CD4 and viral load
- Proof of existing insurance coverage or the lack of insurance coverage
- Household income not to exceed 400% of the Federal Poverty Level

A more comprehensive list of essential items and documents is detailed in the following section called '**What Do I Bring to My First Appointment?**'

WHAT DO I BRING TO MY FIRST APPOINTMENT?

To process your application and get you approved for Ryan White services and HIV medications as well as Insurance Assistance through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), please review the **Eligibility & Enrollment Document Checklist** found on our website at www.endhivnv.org/eligibility-and-enrollment.html or on pages 30-32 of this guide.

At your first appointment you'll need to bring documentation to prove:

- HIV Diagnosis
- Proof of Identification
- Current labs
- Proof of Nevada Residency
- Proof of income level
- Proof of existing insurance coverage

To receive any of the services available through the Nevada Ryan White Programs, you must complete an **Initial Eligibility Assessment***. This first assessment will

collect all information and supporting documentation needed to determine your eligibility for the program.

Eligibility must be **re-assessed** six months after the first full assessment – the easiest way to do this is through the **Six Month Self-Attestation Form (CGD 15-46)** found on our website at www.endhivnv.org/eligibility-and-enrollment.html.

**Please note that the Nevada Ryan White Program has taken into account the highly confidential information that you will be providing during your intake and has taken steps to ensure this process is protected and meets all security requirements specified under HIPAA (Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996).*

WHAT DO I NEED TO REMEMBER FOR MY ANNUAL ASSESSMENT?

After you have been in the Ryan White Programs for one year, your annual assessment gets easier! You do not need to provide information of HIV Diagnosis or a Proof of Identification (*unless you had a name change*). Your annual assessment documentation should include:

- Current labs
- Proof of Nevada residency
- Proof of income level
- Proof of existing insurance coverage

Please review the **Eligibility & Enrollment Document Checklist** found on our website at www.endhivnv.org/eligibility-and-enrollment.html or on pages 30-32 of this guide.

HOW DO I PAY FOR CARE?

What you pay for your health care mostly depends on whether or not you have your own health insurance and how much income and resources you have.

Here are some useful things to remember:

- There are no fees or costs for services provided to you by Ryan White Programs.
- If you do have a health insurance plan, you may be charged a co-payment for health care services received through your plan.
- Those costs depend on your health insurance plan's level of coverage.

- If you do not have health insurance coverage, the Ryan White Program may be able to help you enroll in a health insurance plan.
- The Nevada Ryan White Part B Program can help you with:
 - Health insurance premium assistance
 - Medical care co-payment and deductible assistance
 - Medication co-payment and deductible assistance.

When you meet with your Eligibility Specialist they will be able to help you:

- Learn what services you are eligible to receive
- Apply for health insurance premium assistance
- Apply for co-payment and deductible assistance

WHAT ABOUT HEALTH INSURANCE?

If you do not have an HIV physician or provider, use this Guide as reference to find HIV physicians and specialty services in your area who are contracted with the Nevada Ryan White Programs.

Your Eligibility Specialist will direct you to the care and services you need, some of which can be paid for by the Ryan White Program if you are approved. In the meantime the following programs provide financial assistance for eligible clients living with HIV to maintain continuity of health insurance or to receive medical and pharmacy benefits under a health care coverage program.

- The Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program
- The Cost Sharing Assistance Program (*for co-payments and deductibles*)
- Health Insurance Continuation Program (*Part A funded*)

The following program provides an approved formulary of medications to people living with HIV/AIDS for the treatment of HIV disease or the prevention of opportunistic infections.

- Nevada AIDS Drug Assistance Program: See the most current policies and procedures for the formulary at: http://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/HIV-Ryan/dta/Policies/Ryan_White_Policies_and_Procedures
- Contact **Access to Healthcare Network** to find out which health insurance provider/coverage is best suited for you.

WHAT OTHER SERVICES CAN I RECEIVE THROUGH THE RYAN WHITE PROGRAM?

Once eligible for the Ryan White ABCD Programs in Nevada you are eligible for an array of services including:

- HIV medical care
- Non-medical case management to apply for other benefits
- Medical case management to assist getting connected to care
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (*if eligible*)
- Health Insurance Premium Assistance
- HIV medication co-payments
- HIV medical care co-payments
- Nutritional assistance and counseling
- Support groups
- Mental health and substance abuse counseling
- Housing assistance
- HIV health and risk reduction education
- Transportation assistance in getting to HIV care

Please refer to pages 10 -12 for detailed definitions of the services just listed and pages 14 through 19 for the agencies who provide them

ABOUT THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

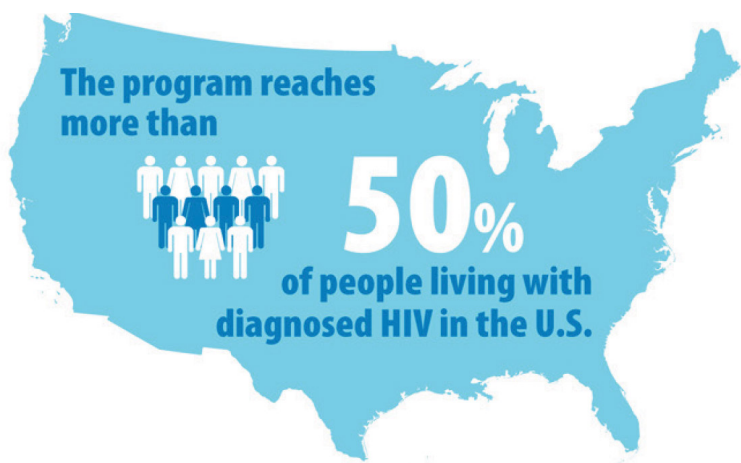
- A Federal Program that works with **and** awards money to states, counties/cities, and local community-based organizations to provide HIV care and treatment services to more than half a million uninsured or underinsured people living with HIV (PLWH) - approximately half of all those diagnosed with HIV in the United States.
- The program also funds clinician training, quality improvement, and the development of innovative models of care to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission.

- The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, first authorized in 1990, is administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) and was funded at \$2.32 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2016.
- The Ryan White Program is divided into **five (5) Parts**: Part A, B, C, D, and F. Each Part provides grant funding for different target populations and different services.

RYAN WHITE PROGRAM PARTS

PART A PROGRAM | CLARK & NYE COUNTIES IN NV & MOJAVE COUNTY, AZ

- Ryan White Part A (RWPA) funds HIV/AIDS care in metropolitan areas hardest hit by the epidemic.
- These areas are called transitional grant areas (TGAs).



- Clark County Social Services is the head of Ryan White Part A TGA Program.
- Part A funds are used to provide core medical and support services for people living with HIV (PLWH).
- The Las Vegas TGA Planning Council sets the basis for funding decisions and award of contracts to service agencies.

- Care is then delivered by agencies that follow Ryan White standards that cover areas like quality of care and data reporting.
- HRSA project officers and technical assistance and training services help Part A carry out these responsibilities.

PART B PROGRAM | STATEWIDE

- Ryan White Part B (RWPB) provides grants to States and Territories to improve the quality, availability, and organization of HIV health care and support services.
- The Office of HIV/AIDS sits within the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services and the Office of HIV/AIDS and is headquartered in Carson City, NV.
- RWPB has a base grant for core medical and support services and also funds the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- Provides a comprehensive system of care that includes primary medical care, essential support services and access to HIV medication through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) to eligible Nevadans living with HIV/AIDS.

PART C PROGRAM | NORTHERN NEVADA HOPES & UMC

- Ryan White Part C (RWPC) funds go to community-based organizations to support outpatient HIV early intervention services and care.
- In the state of Nevada, Northern Nevada HOPES in Reno, and University Medical Center in Las Vegas, receive Part C funds.

PART D PROGRAM | NORTHERN NEVADA HOPES & UNLV

- Ryan White Part D (RWPD) funds are used to support family-centered, comprehensive care to women, infants, children, and youth living with HIV.
- Northern Nevada HOPES in Reno and the Nevada Care Program at UNLV are currently receiving Part D funds.

SERVICES AVAILABLE

CORE MEDICAL SERVICES

- **Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care:** The arrangement and administration of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting.

- **Oral Health:** Care which includes examinations, preventive, and healthful services provided by dentists, dental specialists, dental hygienists and other trained primary care providers.
- **Early Intervention Services (EIS):** Includes:
 - Counseling individuals with respect to HIV/AIDS
 - Testing (*including tests to confirm the presence of the disease, tests to diagnose the extent of immune deficiency and tests to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures*)
 - Referrals and other clinical and diagnostic services regarding HIV/AIDS
 - Periodic medical evaluations for individuals with HIV/AIDS
- **Health Insurance Programs:** Programs that provides financial assistance to individuals living with HIV to maintain or to access health insurance by way of premium payments, co-payments, and deductible payments.
- **Medical Case Management:** Services which include a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services.
- **Mental Health Services:** Group and individual psychological and psychiatric treatment and counseling services offered to individuals with a diagnosed mental illness or substance use disorder.
- **Medical Nutrition Therapy:** Includes the provision of nutritional supplements by a licensed registered dietitian outside of a primary care visit.
- **Substance Abuse Treatment:** Medical or other treatment and/or counseling services provided to address substance abuse problems (*i.e., alcohol and/or legal and illegal drugs*)

SUPPORT SERVICES

- **Referral to Healthcare & Support Services:** Benefits counseling and enrollment are services available under this title. Eligibility screening and enrollment for Ryan White Programs is the main function.
- **Non-Medical Case Management:** Provides guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other necessary services. You will work 1:1 with a Case Manager to achieve goals towards a healthy and fulfilled life.

- **Legal Services:** Legal assistance provided to and/or on behalf of the individual living with HIV and involving legal matters related to or arising from their HIV disease or care.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance:** Emergency and momentary help paying for rent or utilities.
- **Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals:** A service that provides actual food or meals as well as essential household supplies (*hygiene items and household cleaning supplies*) and vouchers to purchase food.
- **Health Education/Risk Reduction:** Services that educate clients with HIV about HIV transmission and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.
- **Housing Services:** Short-term assistance to support emergency, temporary or transitional housing to enable an individual or family to gain or maintain medical care.
- **Psychosocial Support Services:** Support and counseling activities, child abuse and neglect counseling, HIV support groups, pastoral care, caregiver support, bereavement counseling and nutrition counseling services.
- **Medical Transportation Services:** Transportation services provided, directly or through voucher, to a client so that he or she may access health care services.

For a more detailed description of each service and how you may benefit from it, please visit our website at www.endhivnv.org/services.html.

ABOUT THE HOPWA PROGRAM

- HOPWA stands for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA)
- The program, managed by HUD's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, was established to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.
- Nevada receives HOPWA money to assist PLWHA in gaining access to or maintaining stable housing.

- HOPWA Agencies
 - Community Counseling Center (*Clark County*)
 - HELP of Southern Nevada (*Clark County*)
 - Las Vegas Urban League (*Clark County*)
 - Northern Nevada HOPES (*all counties except Clark County*)

RELOCATING TO NEVADA

1. Plan ahead as early as possible before your actual move.

Many people underestimate the amount of time that's necessary to apply for programs in the new state. If you try to catch up after you move, you may actually risk not seeing a doctor or not getting your meds for a period of time.

2. Contact the local AIDS service organization in your new city, area or state.

Speak with a knowledgeable Eligibility Specialist who knows what programs are available to you. See if you can handle some of the work over the phone before you get there.

3. Know and document your current health benefits.

This is important because many state programs differ and may not offer the same coverage. You'll need to know what you have now, including your eligibility requirements. This way, you or your case manager can compare what you currently have to what's available in your new state of residence.

4. Get a 3-6 month supply of your current meds before you move to cover you in case of a lapse in coverage.

Hopefully your transition will be smooth, but an adequate supply of medications will make any lapses easier to handle.



PROVIDER DIRECTORY NORTHERN NEVADA

ACCESS FOR COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND TRAINING (ACCEPT)

(775) 786-5886

2400 W. 7th St.

Reno, NV 89502



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ACCEPT.RENO



www.acceptonline.org

Health Education/Risk Reduction

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE NETWORK (AHN)

(775) 284-8989

4001 S. Virginia St., Suite F

Reno, NV 89104



@TryAHN



Accesstohealthcare



www.accesstohealthcare.org

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, Medical Transportation, Oral Healthcare, Referral to Healthcare and Support Services, Medical Case Management

CARSON CITY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (CCHHS)

(775) 887-2190

900 E. Long St.

Carson City, NV 89706



@CCHealthEd



CCHHS



www.getthehealthycarsoncity.org

Rural and Frontier Nevada Non-Medical Case Management

HOPES

(775) 348- 2893

580 W. 5th St.

Reno, NV, 89503



@nnhopes



NNHOPES



www.nnhopes.org

Housing Services, Medical Case Management and Treatment Adherence, Medical Transportation, Mental Health Services, Non-Medical Case Management, Psychosocial Support Services, Referral to Healthcare and Supportive Services, Substance Use Treatment

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

(775) 284-3491
204 Marsh St. Suite 101
Reno, NV 89509



NevadaLegalServices



www.nlslaw.org

Legal Services

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

(866) 432 0404
530 S. 6th St.
Las Vegas, NV 89101

Legal Services

PROVIDER DIRECTORY SOUTHERN NEVADA

AID FOR AIDS NEVADA (AFAN)

(702) 382-2326
1120 Almond Tree Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89104



@AFANLV



AFANLV



www.afanlv.org

Eligibility Services, Medical Case Management, Emergency Financial Assistance, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Food Vouchers, Transportation Assistance

AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION (AHF)

(702) 862-8075
3201 S. Maryland Pkwy, Suite 218
Las Vegas, NV 89109



@AIDSHealthcare



AIDSHEALTH



www.aidshealth.org

Medical Case Management, HIV/AIDS Medical Care, Specialty Referrals, Early Intervention Services

ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE NETWORK (AHN)

(702) 489-3400
3075 Flamingo Road, Suite 116A
Las Vegas, NV 89121



@TryAHN



Accesstohealthcare



www.accesstohealthcare.org

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance, Medical Transportation, Oral Healthcare, Referral to Healthcare and Support Services, Medical Case Management

THE CENTER

(702)733-9800

401 S. Maryland Pkwy.

Las Vegas, NV 89101



@TheCenterLV



TheCenterLV



www.thecenterlv.org.org

Health Education/Risk Reduction

COMMUNITY COUNSELING CENTER (CCC)

(702) 657-3873

714 E. Sahara Ave, Suite 101

Las Vegas, NV 89104



@cccfsn



CCCOFSN



www.cccfsn.wixsite.com/ccc-new

Case Management, Mental Health, Substance Use Treatment, Psychosocial Support Services

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MEDICAL CENTER (COMC)

(702) 657-3873

1140 Almond Tree Lane, Suite 306

Las Vegas, NV 89104



www.communityoutreachmedicalcenter.org

Eligibility Services, HIV/AIDS Medical Care, Non-Medical Case Management, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Food Vouchers, Transportation Assistance Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Health Education/Risk Reduction, Mental Health, Emergency Financial Assistance, Psychosocial Support Services

DIGNITY HEALTH ST. ROSE DOMINICAN

(702) 616-4900

2651 Paseo Verde Pkwy, Suite 180

Henderson, NV 89074



@strosehospitals



StRoseHospitals



www.dignityhealth.org

Health Education/Risk Reduction

GOLDEN RAINBOW

(702) 384-2899

801 S. Rancho Dr, Suite B-1B

Las Vegas, NV 89106



@GoldenRainbowLV



GoldenRainbowLV



www.goldenrainbow.org

Housing Assistance

HELP OF SOUTHERN NEVADA

(702) 369-4357

1640 E Flamingo Rd # 100

Las Vegas, NV 89119



@helpsonv



HELP-of-Southern-Nevada



www.helpsonv.org

HOPWA Housing Services, Mental Health, Medical Case Management, Substance Abuse, Emergency Financial Assistance, Food Bank, Housing, Medical Transportation

HORIZON RIDGE CLINIC

(702) 489-2889

3160 W Sahara Ave, Ste. A11

Las Vegas, NV 89102



www.horizonridgeclinic.com

Medical Case Management, Mental Health, Substance Use Treatment, Psychosocial Support

HUNTRIDGE FAMILY CLINIC

(702) 979-1111

1830 E Sahara Ave

Las Vegas, NV 89104



huntridgefamilyclinic



www.huntridgefamilyclinic.org

Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services

LAS VEGAS URBAN LEAGUE

(702) 636-3949

3575 W Cheyenne Ave #101

North Las Vegas, NV 89032



HOPWA Housing Services

NEVADA AIDS RESEARCH AND EDUCATION SOCIETY (NARES)

(702) 383-2691

701 Shadow Lane, Suite 200

Las Vegas, NV 89106

Early Intervention Services, Medical Case Management, Health Education/Risk Reduction, Medical Transportation

NEVADA LEGAL SERVICES

(775) 284-3491

530 S. 6th St

Las Vegas, NV 89101



Legal Services

NORTH COUNTRY HEALTHCARE

(928) 753-1177

1510 Stockton Hill Rd

Kingman, AZ 86401



www.northcountryhealthcare.org

Eligibility Services, Medical Case Management, Food Bank/Food Vouchers, Medical Nutrition Therapy, Transportation Services, Health Insurance Assistance, HIV/AIDS Medical Care, Oral Healthcare, Mental Health Services, Emergency Financial Assistance

NYE COUNTY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

(702) 759-7094

1981 E. Calvada Blvd, Suite 120

Pahrump, NV 89048



www.nyecounty.net

Eligibility Services, Transportation Services, Medical Case Management

SOUTHERN NEVADA HEALTH DISTRICT (SNHD)

702) 759-0702

280 S. Decatur Blvd

Las Vegas, NV 89107



SouthernNevadaHealthDistrict



www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org

Eligibility Services, Medical Case Management, Early Intervention Services, Emergency Financial Assistance, Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care, Substance Abuse Outpatient Services, HIV/AIDS Testing Services

UNLV SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

(702) 774-2451

1001 Shadow Lane

Las Vegas, NV 89106



@unlv



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www.unlv.edu/dental

Oral Health Care

UMC - WELLNESS CLINIC

(702) 383-2691

701 Shadow Lane, Suite 200

Las Vegas, NV 89106



@UMCSN



UMCSN



www.umcsn.com

Ambulatory/Outpatient Medical Care, Mental Health Services, OB/GYN Services, Oral Health Care

BEST HIV/AIDS APPS

From all the medications used to treat HIV to learning about new research and best practices it can be hard to keep up!

These apps can remind you to take your medications, teach you terms related to HIV, and even find the services you need nearby.



AIDSinfo HIV/AIDS Glossary app

Provides access to the same terms found in the AIDSinfo Glossary of HIV/AIDS-Related Terms. The app includes English and Spanish definitions of more than 700 HIV/AIDS-related terms.



The Body.com app

The Body is the complete resource on HIV/AIDS. This app brings you our top content, including the latest news, research, personal stories from people living with HIV, and other HIV-related information on a wide array of topics.



Care4Today app

When you have to take multiple medications every day, things can get confusing. You might miss a dose or even take the wrong amount. With this app, you can input all your medications, with dosage and timing information.



GoodRx app

Many people don't realize that medications can cost different prices depending on where you get them. This app can work wonders if you're juggling numerous, pricey medications, making it quick and easy to find the cheapest price for any prescription you need to fill.



HIV Testing Sites & Care Services Locator app

Developed by AIDS.gov, this app is a search tool based on your location. It helps you find a number of different HIV/AIDS related services within a given radius of your current location or any location you input. These services include: housing, testing sites, health centers, and more.

Download it free today on iOS, Android and Windows 8 devices



WHAT ARE SOME QUESTIONS PEOPLE TYPICALLY ASK DURING THEIR FIRST VISIT WITH AN HIV CARE PROVIDER?

People newly diagnosed with HIV infection have many questions. If you've just tested HIV positive you may have some of the following questions:

- Because I have HIV, will I eventually get AIDS?
- What can I do to stay healthy and avoid getting other infections?
- How can I prevent passing HIV to others?
- How will HIV treatment affect my lifestyle?
- How should I tell my partner that I have HIV?
- Is there any reason to tell my employer and those I work with that I have HIV?
- Are there support groups for people with HIV?

Many people find it helpful to write down questions before a medical appointment. Some people bring a family member or friend to their HIV appointments to remind them of questions to ask and to write down the answers.

SHOULD I TELL OTHER PEOPLE ABOUT MY POSITIVE TEST RESULT?

It's important to share your status with your sex partner(s) and/or people with whom you inject drugs. Whether you disclose your status to others is your decision.

PARTNERS

- It's important to disclose your HIV status to your sex partner(s) and anyone you shared needles with, even if you are not comfortable doing it. Communicating with each other about your HIV status means you can take steps to keep both of you healthy.

HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS

- Your health care providers (*doctors, clinical workers, dentists, etc.*) have to know about your HIV status in order to be able to give you the best possible care. It's also important that healthcare providers know your HIV status so that they don't prescribe medication for you that may be harmful when taken with your HIV medications.

FAMILY & FRIENDS

- In most cases, your family and friends will not know your test results or HIV status unless you tell them yourself. While telling your family that you have HIV may seem hard, you should know that disclosure actually has many benefits—studies have shown that people who disclose their HIV status respond better to treatment than those who don't.

EMPLOYERS

- In most cases, your employer will not know your HIV status unless you tell them. But your employer does have a right to ask if you have any health conditions that would affect your ability to do your job or pose a serious risk to others. *(An example might be a health care professional, like a surgeon, who does procedures where there is a risk of blood or other body fluids being exchanged.)*
- If you have health insurance through your employer, the insurance company cannot legally tell your employer that you have HIV. But it is possible that your employer could find out if the insurance company provides detailed information to your employer about the benefits it pays or the costs of insurance.
- All people with HIV are covered under the **Americans with Disabilities Act**. This means that your employer cannot discriminate against you because of your HIV status as long as you can do your job. To learn more, see the Department of Justice's [ADA.gov/HIV](https://www.ada.gov/HIV) website.

HOW CAN I FIND MORE RESOURCES FOR A PERSON WHO HAS JUST TESTED POSITIVE?

- **HOW TO FIND HIV TREATMENT SERVICES:** A fact sheet listing HIV-related resources including resources to help find a health care provider and get help paying for HIV medicines, from AIDSinfo. (<https://aidsinfo.nih.gov/education-materials/fact-sheets/27/94/how-to-find-hiv-treatment-services>)
- **QUESTION BUILDER:** A tool to use to create a list of questions to ask a health care provider, from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. (<https://www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/question-builder.html>)
- **DO YOU HAVE TO TELL?** A webpage with tips on how to share an HIV diagnosis with others, from AIDS.gov. (<https://www.aids.gov/hiv-aids-basics/just-diagnosed-with-hiv-aids/talking-about-your-status/do-you-have-to-tell/>)

ACRONYMS & DEFINITIONS

Whether you are new to the HIV/AIDS field or not, we hope this section will be useful to you in understanding the many facets of the Ryan White Programs.

You may also visit the following LINKS to other resources for HIV/AIDS-related terms:

http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/contentfiles/GlossaryHIVrelatedTerms_English.pdf <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/education-materials/glossary>, or <http://www.cdc.gov/>

ADAP: AIDS Drug Assistance Program funded through the Part B Program. Congress “earmarks” funds that must be used for ADAP, an important distinction since other Part B spending decisions are made locally.

ADAP Formulary: A list of available and approved Anti-retroviral (ARV) HIV medications.

AIDS: (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome): The most severe phase of infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Persons infected with HIV are said to have AIDS when they get certain opportunistic infections or when their CD4+ cell count drops below 200.

Allocations: Refers to the distribution of dollar amounts or percentages of funding to established priorities – service categories, geographic areas, populations, or subpopulations. It does NOT involve contracting with or giving money to specific service providers.

ART: Anti-retroviral therapy. Class of medications that obstruct the HIV virus life-cycle.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): The CDC is a Federal agency of the Department of Health and Human Services. Their mission is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. The CDC is the Federal agency responsible for tracking diseases that endanger public health, such as HIV.

CD4+ cell (Also known as T helper cell): A type of T cell found in the blood that is involved in protecting the body against infections. CD4+ cells normally orchestrate the immune response, signaling other cells in the immune system to perform their special disease-fighting functions.

CD4+ cell count: A measure of the number of CD4+ cells present in the blood. *(Because HIV infection kills CD4+ cells, CD4+ cell count is used to track the progress of HIV infection.)*

CDC: See Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CMV: Cytomegalovirus.

Case Manager (CM): Assists clients with the access to primary medical care, psychosocial and other services to insure timely, coordinated access to medically-appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care.

COBRA: (Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) Federal Act that gives workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan for limited periods of time under certain circumstances such as voluntary or involuntary job loss, reduction in the hours worked, transition between jobs, death, divorce, and other life events.

Common Guidance Document: Another name for the Universal Nevada Ryan White Parts A, B, C & D Eligibility Packet.

Community Planning: Steps taken and methods used by a community to gather information, interpret it, and produce a plan for rational decision-making.

Cost Share/Patient Share: The ADAP client's monetary cost for program participation. Some ADAPs require that program participants share in the cost of their medications. The mechanisms for this requirement vary from state to state but are usually based upon client income and set on a sliding scale fee. Some ADAPs require a monthly cost share payment to the program while other ADAPs mandate a nominal cost per prescription. The funds from the cost share component are returned to the ADAP to defray administrative and programmatic costs.

Declaration of Resources Form: Otherwise known as Form 15-45 or Verification of No Income Form

Eligibility & Enrollment Document Checklist Form: Otherwise known as Form 15-54.

Eligibility Specialist: Responsible for ensuring client eligibility and working with the Case Manager to ensure effective client follow-up and adherence to all eligibility standards.

ENDHIVNV Campaign: A campaign designed to:

- Continue the dialogue about HIV disease, stigma, care, treatment and prevention
- Strengthen the strategy in reaching those that are unaware of their status, newly diagnosed individuals, the out-of-care populations, Service Providers and those engaged in HIV care, Planning Council members, stakeholders in the community and the general public.

- Align itself to the National HIV/AIDS Strategy to achieve an AIDS-free generation by 2020 (*see pages 28 & 29 and inside back cover*)



- Offer information and resources regarding the availability of HIV services throughout the state of Nevada

Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG): The threshold of low-income for service eligibility

Form 15-45: See Verification of No Income form or Declaration of Resources form.

Form 15-53: See Universal Application form.

Form 15-54: See Eligibility & Enrollment Document Checklist form.

HAART (*highly active antiretroviral therapy*): Aggressive anti-HIV treatment usually including a combination of drugs called protease inhibitors and reverse transcriptase inhibitors whose purpose is to reduce viral load infection to undetectable levels.

Heath Education/Risk Reduction: Activities that educate patients living with HIV about how HIV is transmitted and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

Health Insurance Continuation Program (HICP): A statewide program that provides financial assistance to individuals living with HIV to maintain or to access health insurance by way of premium payments, co-payments, and deductible payments. If you have private health insurance or need to enroll in private health insurance, but can't afford to pay for premiums or copays then this program is for you.

HIV (*human immunodeficiency virus*): A virus that infects and takes over certain cells of the immune system that are important in fighting disease.

HIV antiretrovirals: Medications, such as zidovudine (AZT) and saquinavir, designed to attack HIV and prevent it from multiplying.

HIPAA: The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 is United States legislation that provides data privacy and security provisions for safeguarding medical information

HOPWA: HOPWA stands for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS. It was established to provide housing assistance and related supportive services for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

HRSA: The Health Resources and Services Administration is an agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services located in Rockville, Maryland. It is the primary federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.

Legal Services: Legal assistance provided to and/or on behalf of the individual living with HIV and involving legal matters related to or arising from their HIV disease or care.

Medical Transportation Services: Transportation services provided, directly or through voucher, to a client so that he or she may access health care services.

Nevada's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP): The AIDS Drug Assistance Program helps ensure that people living with HIV and AIDS who are uninsured and under-insured have access to medication. See the most current policies and procedures for the formulary at: http://dphh.nv.gov/Programs/HIV-Ryan/dta/Policies/Ryan_White_Policies_and_Procedures

Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B Program (RWPB): Provides medications and services to eligible Nevadans living with HIV/AIDS.

Nevada Integrated HIV Prevention & Care Plan: A comprehensive and all-inclusive federally mandated document whose mission is to develop local strategies to accelerate progress toward reaching the goals of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. The ultimate goals are to prevent new HIV infections, increase access to care and improve health outcomes, and reduce HIV-related health disparities.

Non-Medical Case Management: Provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. You will work 1:1 with a Case Manager to achieve goals to increase your quality of life.

Opportunistic infections: Infections that take advantage of the opportunity offered when a person's immune system has been weakened by HIV infection. At least 25 medical conditions, including bacterial, fungal, and viral infections and certain types of cancer, are associated with HIV infection.

People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA): Infants, children, adolescents, and adults infected with HIV/AIDS.

Pandemic: An epidemic over a large area or country.

Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP): A pneumonia that strikes individuals with weakened immune systems.

PEP: *Post exposure prophylaxis*, or PEP.

PrEP: *Pre-exposure prophylaxis*, or PrEP, is a way for people who do not have HIV but who are at substantial risk of getting it to prevent HIV infection by taking a pill every day. When taken consistently, PrEP has been shown to **reduce the risk of HIV infection** in people who are at substantial risk **by up to 92%**.

Prevalence: A proportion of persons in a population who are infected, at a specified point in time or over a specified period of time, with HIV.

Prophylactic: Something that guards against or prevents disease.

Prophylaxis: A treatment designed to prevent the spread of disease and preserve health.

Protease: An enzyme that triggers the breakdown of proteins in the body. HIV's protease enzyme breaks apart long strands of viral protein into the separate proteins constituting the viral core and the enzymes it contains. HIV protease acts as new virus particles are budding off a cell membrane.

Protease inhibitor: A drug that binds to and blocks HIV protease from working, thus preventing the production of new functional viral particles.

Referral for Health Care/Supportive Services: Benefits counseling and enrollment are services available under this title. Eligibility screening and enrollment for Ryan White Programs is the main function.

Serostatus: The result of a blood test for the antibodies that the immune system creates to fight specific diseases. Seronegative: Indicates that a person's blood lacks antibodies to a specific infectious agent, such as HIV. Seropositive: Indicates that a person's blood contains antibodies to infections, such as HIV.

Universal Application Form: See Form 15-53

Verification of No Income Form: Otherwise known as Form 15-45 or Declaration of Resources Form.

Viral Load: An estimate of the amount of virus present, a measure of the severity of a viral infection.

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY: UPDATED TO 2020

5 MAJOR CHANGES SINCE 2010

Since the first National HIV/AIDS Strategy was released in 2010, major advances have been made in developing new tools to prevent new infections, and improved access to care. With a vision updated to leverage these achievements and look ahead to 2020.

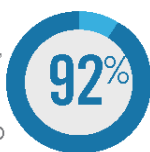
Our prevention toolkit has expanded.



Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)

A daily pill to prevent HIV.

When taken consistently, can reduce the risk of HIV by up to



Treatment as Prevention

The risk of HIV is reduced by



in those who have achieved viral suppression (they have very low levels of HIV in the body).

The Affordable Care Act has transformed health care access.



Millions more individuals now have **affordable, quality health coverage.**



There is **no denial of coverage for pre-existing conditions, like HIV.**

Preventive services are covered without co-pays, including HIV testing.



Protections against sex or disability discrimination in health care.

HIV testing, treatment, and prevention recommendations

Federal Guidelines now recommend **routine HIV testing** for people aged 15 to 64.

15 TO 64



CDC recommends for HIV help and prevention.

Federal HIV treatment guidelines now recommend **antiretroviral therapy for all HIV-infected individuals.**

Learn more about the National HIV/AIDS Strategy

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Advances have transformed how we respond to HIV, provided new
 For the next five years, our National HIV/AIDS Strategy has been


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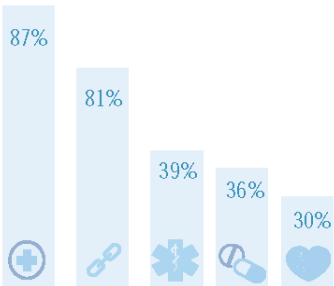
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Improving HIV Care Continuum outcomes is a priority.

President Obama's **HIV Care Continuum Initiative** directed Federal departments to increase the number of individuals who are:


-  **diagnosed** with HIV
-  **linked** to HIV care
-  **retained** in HIV care
-  **prescribed** HIV treatment
-  **virally suppressed** (having very low levels of HIV in their body).



Outcome	Percentage
Diagnosed with HIV	87%
Linked to HIV care	81%
Retained in HIV care	39%
Prescribed HIV treatment	36%
Virally suppressed	30%

Research is unlocking new knowledge and tools.

- Evidence that **starting HIV treatment early** lowers the risk of developing AIDS or other serious illnesses
- New **HIV testing technologies**, including new diagnostic tests
- New **HIV medications** with fewer side effects, less frequent dosing, and a lower risk of drug resistance
- **Continued investigation** of long-acting drugs for HIV treatment and prevention, an HIV vaccine, and, ultimately, a cure.





**Nevada Ryan White Parts ABCD
Common Guidance Document
Eligibility & Enrollment Document Checklist**

Name: _____ **URN:** _____ **Date:** _____
Phone Number: _____ **Eligibility Specialist:** _____

Documents from each category must be attached to this checklist and easily located in the client file for the initial enrollment, annual and six month recertification. Please review OHA Policy 15-21 for more guidance.

PROOF OF HIV DIAGNOSIS

All clients must provide upon **initial enrollment only** one (1) medical/legal document from the list below indicating HIV infection.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Western Blot
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter on physician's letterhead, with signature of MD, indicating that the applicant is HIV positive with diagnosis date.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Positive HIV immunoassay and detectable HIV RNA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two positive HIV immunoassays (should be different assays based on different antigens or different principles)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Request for Proof of Diagnosis Form completed by applicant's physician (<i>CGD 15-39</i>)

PROOF OF IDENTIFICATION

All clients must provide upon **initial enrollment only** one (1) of the documents below. Driver Authorization Card is not allowable. Can be expired

<input type="checkbox"/>	Nevada Driver's License with Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	US or Foreign Passport with Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent Resident Card with Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local, State, Federal Government issued card with Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulate Card with Photo
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien Card (U.S. citizenry not required) with Photo

CURRENT LABS (CD4 / VIRAL LOAD)

See below for required lab schedule

<input type="checkbox"/>	Initial & Annual Enrollment: CD4 T Cells and HIV Viral Load, no older than six months
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PROOF OF NEVADA RESIDENCY

All clients must provide upon **initial enrollment** and **annually** two (2) documents from the list below. Cannot be expired.

Addresses must match

<input type="checkbox"/>	Current lease/Rental Agreement
<input type="checkbox"/>	Rent/Mortgage Receipt (dated within the past 30 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Any Bill or Invoice (dated within the past 30 days)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter from a Government Agency
<input type="checkbox"/>	Voter Registration/Vehicle Registration
<input type="checkbox"/>	Prison Release Papers
<input type="checkbox"/>	Current Nevada Driver's License or State ID Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	Consulate Identification Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	Resident Alien Card
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other verifiable government issued photo ID with address
<input type="checkbox"/>	Proof of property taxes paid
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification of Residence (CGD 15-50)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependent Support Form (CGD 15-48)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Non-Stable Housing Declaration Form (CGD 15-44)

PROOF OF INCOME LEVEL

Proof of household income not to exceed 400% FPL based on their Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI). Household income includes the income of anyone client claims on their taxes or the income of someone who claims client on their taxes. Provided upon **initial enrollment** and **annually**.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of most recent pay stubs for the last month
<input type="checkbox"/>	Copy of most recent annual disability, SSI, retirement, pension, VA, child support/alimony, unemployment benefits, etc. statements
<input type="checkbox"/>	One (1) month of bank statements only if pay stubs or annual statements cannot be provided
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pre-paid debit card statements
<input type="checkbox"/>	Profit and Loss Statement from self-employment (CGD 16-04)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verification of No Income (CGD 15-45)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dependent Support Form (CGD 15-48)
<input type="checkbox"/>	MAGI Worksheet (CGD 15-52) REQUIRED

PROOF OF HOUSEHOLD SIZE

All clients must provide upon **initial enrollment and annually** all individuals they claim, may claim, or will claim in most current tax year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Household Composition Form (CGD 16-03) <i>REQUIRED</i> |
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EXISTING INSURANCE COVERAGE

All clients must provide upon **initial enrollment and annually** proof of existing insurance (public or private) or a statement of no insurance. Clients requesting Insurance or Medication Assistance will not receive services until this information is provided.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Survey of Existing Insurance Coverage (CGD 16-10) <i>REQUIRED</i> |
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RECERTIFICATION – EVERY SIX (6) MONTHS

One of the following is acceptable at six month recertification: full application and documentation, self-attestation of no change or self-attestation of change with documentation

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Six Month Self-Attestation of Ryan White Part ABCD Eligibility (GCD 15-46) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of Nevada Residency (refer to this section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of Income Level (refer to this section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Proof of Household Size (refer to this section) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Existing Insurance Coverage (refer to this section) |

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NOTES:

United States & Nevada AIDS Hotlines

HIV/AIDS Hotline
National Hotline: (800) 232-4636

Health District Office of AIDS
(702) 759-0702

CDC National AIDS Hotline
(800) 232-4636

Project Inform National Hotline
(800) 822-7422

Teenage AIDS Hotline
(6 p.m. - 12 a.m. Fri. & Sat. only)
(800) 440-8336

AIDS Information Line
Nevada: (800) 842-2437

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS STRATEGY

THE VISION

The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare, and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or socio-economic circumstance will have unfettered access to high-quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.

THE GOALS



Reducing new HIV
infections



Improving access to care
and health outcomes



Reducing HIV-related
health disparities



Achieving a more
coordinated national
response

RYAN WHITE PART A HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Clark County Social Services
1600 Pinto Lane
Las Vegas, NV 89106

RYAN WHITE PART B HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Nevada Office of HIV/AIDS
4126 Technology Way, Suite 200
Carson City, NV 89706

RYAN WHITE PART C HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Northern Nevada HOPES (Reno) & University Medical Center (Las Vegas)

RYAN WHITE PART D HIV/AIDS PROGRAM

Northern Nevada HOPES (Reno) & University of Nevada, Las Vegas



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