

## Ryan White Part A Authority and History

The Ryan White Part A Program is a federal program authorized by the Public Health Act, Sections 2601-2610 (42 USC 300ff-11 - 300ff-20), as amended by the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (Public Law 111- 87). Part A funds are appropriated through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension (RWTE) Act of 2009. Part A of the RWTE provides assistance to Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) and Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs); locales that are most severely affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. The goal of establishing safety-net health and support services to low income and uninsured persons with HIV.

The Broward County Board of County Commissioners (Board) is the designated recipient (Chief Executive Officer) for Part A funds in Broward County. In this role, the Board has tasked the Human Services Department with serving as the administrative entity (Grantee) for the Program. Before an EMA can receive Ryan White Part A funds, the CEO for the EMA must appoint a planning council. Each planning council must meet the legislative responsibilities of the grant. Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council was created by the Broward County Board of County Commissioners to comply with this requirement.

The Broward County HIV Health Services Planning Council (Planning Council), was created through Resolution No. 1990-3469 on November 27, 1990, and is legislatively mandated to establish service priorities and allocate Ryan White Part A Grant funds for core medical and support services. The Planning Council is also mandated under Legislation for the assessment of the Administrative Mechanism (the County's role as the grant recipient) in terms of its ability to rapidly allocate funds to the areas of greatest need within the eligible area, and at the discretion of the planning council, assess the effectiveness, either directly or through contractual arrangements, of the services offered in meeting the identified needs." The grant funding assists eligible areas in developing or enhancing access to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low income individuals and families affected by HIV-related illness.

These health and support services are procured using an open, competitive Request for Proposal (RFP) process, resulting in agreements with community agencies.

The HIV Planning Council is required to ensure effective use of Part A funds; complying with Section 2602(b)(4)(D) of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act and must participate in a Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) process to ensure coordination across other funding sources; and completion of the Broward County Annual Needs Assessment and the Comprehensive Plan.

The Ryan White Part A Program is responsible for oversight of annual grant submissions; compliance with data and other federal reporting requirements; procurement of core medical and support services; service providers; monitoring and assessment of contracts for compliance; clinical quality management; and ensuring that funds are used appropriately and quality and access to care is maintained.

Part A funded services are designed to fill service gaps, ensure accessibility to a comprehensive continuum of high quality, community-based care for low-income individuals and families with HIV. The Ryan White Part A Program also supports the goals and objectives of the United States National HIV/AIDS Strategy which was released in July 2015 by the White House. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) reported that there are approximately 20,661 persons living with HIV infection and AIDS in Broward County. Broward County is second in the nation for new HIV infections, with racial/ethnic minorities being disproportionately impacted by the epidemic. For Fiscal Year 2017, approximately 8,499 unduplicated consumers accessed the Ryan White Part A services.