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Nebraska Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B & HOPWA

The Nebraska Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B Program is authorized under the Ryan White CARE Act and is administered by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). The purpose of this program is to provide HIV+ individuals who reside in Nebraska and are low-income, uninsured, or underinsured with access to a wide variety of core and supportive services geared toward the HIV Care Continuum.

The Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) Program is funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of this program is to address housing needs for low-income people who are living with HIV/AIDS and their families.

Below are the main units that operate under the Nebraska Ryan White HIV/AIDS Part B Program and HOPWA Program (see following page):

- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)** is a medication assistance service designed to provide coverage with and access to HIV/AIDS medications that are on the approved Ryan White Part B Formulary list.
- **AIDS Drug Assistance Program - Health Insurance Premium Assistance (ADAP HIP)** can assist clients in finding and paying for qualifying medical and prescription insurance coverage.
- **Care Services** are a network of case management, core medical, and support services for people living with HIV.
- ***Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)** provides short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance, long-term rent and mortgage assistance, and various supportive services to help clients achieve housing stability.

Eligibility Requirements (all Ryan White services):

- Diagnosed with HIV or AIDS, and supply Viral Load laboratory and/or CD4 laboratory results prior to enrollment.
- Currently reside in Nebraska or have a legal home address (domicile) in Nebraska.
- Have household income not exceeding 400% of the federal poverty level.
- Please note, to be eligible for HOPWA funded services, household income must not exceed 80% of the Annual Median Income for the area in which the individual resides.

*All applicants approved for services must re-apply annually with one periodic check-in during the year to continue receiving services.

If you have questions regarding your eligibility status for any of the available services, please call our office or a local area agent (see following page).

NE DHHS
HIV Care
website:



LEAD AGENTS IN NEBRASKA AND AREAS SERVED:

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- 250 S. 77th St. Suite A
Omaha, NE 68114

- Area: Omaha/Southwest Iowa

Nebraska AIDS Project | (402) 476-7000

- 127 South 37th Street, Suite A
Lincoln, NE 68508

- Area: Lincoln

Nebraska AIDS Project | (308) 338-0527

- 2121 B Ave, Suite 2
Kearney, NE 68847

- Area: Kearney/Central Nebraska

Nebraska AIDS Project | (402) 649-3584

- 302 W. Phillip Ave, Suite 200
Norfolk, NE 68701

- Area: Norfolk

Nebraska AIDS Project | (308) 672-0794

- 120 E. 16th Street
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

- Area: Scottsbluff/Panhandle

Nebraska AIDS
Project website:



RYAN WHITE PART B & *HOPWA SERVICES:

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

The medication assistance program (ADAP) is a program within DHHS that allows eligible clients to receive assistance for FDA-approved medications through any pharmacy.

ADAP Health Insurance Premium Assistance (ADAP HIP)

The Health Premium Assistance Program (ADAP HIP) is a service within DHHS that assists with paying the Premiums associated with health insurance enrollment. DHHS has the ability to pay for Insurance Plans that meet the program requirements.

Case Management (Medical/Non-Medical)

A range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other service needs. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of case management programs facilitated by agencies throughout Nebraska.

Medical Appointment Payment Assistance

This service assists with payments associated with health care visits, including outpatient office, laboratory, radiology, physical therapy, and many more. Assistance can be for insured individuals with a copay or unmet deductible. For uninsured individuals, program-approved and allowable visits can be covered.

Oral Health Services

This service assists with payments associated with health-related dental services. Assistance can be for copay or deductible assistance for those with insurance coverage or linking those without insurance coverage to a program-contracted physician (*Note: this does not include cosmetic dental procedures.)

Housing Assistance

This service provides transitional, short-term, or emergency housing assistance to enable a client or family to gain or maintain outpatient/ambulatory health services and treatment.

Emergency Financial Assistance

The provision of one-time or short-term payments to agencies, voucher, or tokens to assist with urgent expenses related to essential utilities, housing, and transportation.

Substance Abuse Services – Outpatient

These services can range from outpatient treatment programs to support groups. Please contact your Lead Agent Organization to request assistance.

Medical Transportation

Area agencies can assist with non-emergency transportation needs for any appointments related to keeping clients in medical and support services.

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Food Book and Home Delivered Meals

Different types of food and meal assistance services are offered at agencies throughout Nebraska. These range from meal vouchers, shopping vouchers, and food banks.

Early Intervention Services

This service includes counseling individuals, testing, referrals, other clinical and diagnostic services regarding positive status, periodic medical evaluations, and providing therapeutic measures.

Mental Health Services

This service can assist clients with services to assist in improving the mental health of our clients.

Psychosocial Support Services

This service provides group or individual support and counseling services to assist PLWHA to address behavioral and physical health concerns.

Outreach Services

Provision of education and counseling to prevent or re-engage program participants who have fallen out of medical care or who have had major disruptions in their enrollment.

Linguistic Services

Interpretation and translation activities as part of HIV service delivery between the healthcare provider and the client, when such services are necessary to facilitate communication between the provider and client and/or support delivery of eligible services.

Home Health Care Services

These are services in the home that are appropriate to a client's needs and are performed by licensed professionals, including wound care and routine diagnostics.

Home and Community-Based Services

These services are in an integrated setting appropriate to a client's needs, based on a written plan of care established by a medical care team, including home health aide and durable medical equipment.

Hospice Care Services

A range of end-of-life care services is provided to clients in the terminal stage of an HIV-related illness, including mental health counseling, nursing care, and palliative therapeutics.

*Housing Opportunity for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

This program provides both Short Term Mortgage, Rent, and Utility Assistance (STRMU) for urgent support and long-term Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA). Supportive services are also provided to help clients achieve housing stability.

*Denotes services only available via HOPWA.