

Title: Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance service standards	
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Service category definition

Health Insurance Premium and Cost-Sharing Assistance (HIPCSA) is the provision of financial assistance to certain people living with HIV who meet eligibility requirements to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes premiums, deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance. The insurance plan provides comprehensive primary care and a full range of HIV medications.

Intake and eligibility

Refer to the current Utah Ryan White Part B Program manual.

Key service components and activities

HIPCSA helps people living with HIV with continuous access to health insurance coverage and care, not limited to HIV treatment, which results in better overall client health outcomes. Continuous health insurance eliminates gaps in coverage, disruption of treatment, and reduces the burden on publicly-funded medical care systems.

Ryan White Part B (RWB) HIPCSA funds can be used toward premiums, deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance for plans whose drug benefits are equivalent to those provided by ADAP medication assistance. RWB funds cannot be used toward out-of-network costs or co-payments associated with hospitalization and/or emergency room care.

Monitoring standards

Monitoring is completed through quality assurance practices outlined by the RWB program and pharmacy benefits manager contract monitoring.

Applicable Universal service standards

- A. Access to care
- B. Records management
- C. Staff requirements/
personnel qualifications
- D. Eligibility determination/screening
- E. Client-related policies
- F. Fiscal
- G. Quality management

Resources

- HRSA RW Program Services: Eligible Individuals and Allowable Uses of Funds Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02
<https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ryanwhite/grants/service-category-pcn-16-02-final.pdf>
- HRSA Policy Clarification Notice #18-01: Clarifications Regarding Use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Funds for Health Care Coverage Premium and Cost-sharing Assistance:
<https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/18-01-use-of-rwhap-funds-for-premium-and-cost-sharing-assistance.pdf>
- 2022 Utah Ryan White Part B Program Manual
<https://ptc.health.utah.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/2022-Utah-Ryan-White-Part-B-Manual-Final-.pdf>
- Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) National Monitoring Standards for RWHAP Part B Recipients
<https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ryanwhite/grants/2022-rwhap-nms-part-b.pdf>

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