

Psychosocial Support Services

SERVICE CATEGORY DEFINITION

Psychosocial Support Services:

Psychosocial Support Services provide group or individual support and counseling services to include HIV support groups to assist eligible people living with HIV to address behavioral and physical health concerns.

CLIENT INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY

All agencies are required to have a client intake and eligibility policy on file. It is the responsibility of the agency to determine and document client eligibility status, as outlined in the Ryan White Part A—Cleveland TGA Eligibility Policy.

Eligible clients must:

- ◇ Live in the Cleveland TGA (Cuyahoga, Ashtabula, Lake, Lorain, Geauga, or Medina County)
- ◇ Have an HIV/AIDS diagnosis
- ◇ Have a household income that is at or below 500% of the federal poverty level
- ◇ Be uninsured or underinsured

Services will be provided to all Ryan White Part A qualified clients without discrimination on the basis of: HIV infection, race, creed, age, sex, gender identity or expression, marital or parental status, sexual orientation, religion, physical or mental handicap, immigrant status, or any other basis prohibited by law.

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PERSONNEL QUALIFICATIONS

An individual providing psychosocial support services must have a basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS and/or infectious disease and be able to work with vulnerable targeted subpopulations as documented through personnel records.

CARE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT OUTCOME GOALS

The overall treatment goal of psychosocial support services is to provide group support and therapy for people living with HIV/AIDS that will enable medical adherence and stability for each individual client.

Clinical Quality Improvement outcome goals for psychosocial support services are:

- 80% of psychosocial support clients have received education specifically geared towards the importance of medical adherence.
- 80% of psychosocial support clients are linked to medical care as documented by at least one medical visit, viral load or CD4 test in the measurement year.

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SERVICE STANDARDS

	Standard	Measure	Goal
1	* Psychosocial Support services are provided by qualified professionals	* Documentation that staff have basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS and/or infectious disease and are able to work with vulnerable subpopulations as documented through staff personnel records.	100%
2	* Documentation is maintained of all topics discussed through support group with correlating sign-in sheets.	* Documentation of agendas, notes, and sign-in sheets reviewed.	80%
3	* Access and engagement in primary care topics were discussed with the client at least once in a 3 month period.	* Documentation of agendas, notes, and sign-in sheets reviewed.	80%
4	* Access and engagement in medical case management was discussed with the client at least once in a six month period.	* Documentation of agendas, notes, and sign-in sheets reviewed.	80%
5	Client had less than 200 copies/mL at last HIV Viral Load test during the measurement year.	Documentation of viral load test outcomes evident through Cleveland TGA CAREWare Performance Measure.	80%

* Indicates Local TGA Standard of Care
All other standards derived from the HRSA/HAB National Monitoring Standards and/or the HRSA/HAB HIV Performance Measures

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CLIENTS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Agencies providing services are required to have a statement of consumer rights and responsibilities posted and/or accessible to the client. Each agency will take all necessary actions to ensure that services are provided in accordance with the consumer rights and responsibilities statement and that each consumer understands fully his or her rights and responsibilities.

CLIENT RECORDS, PRIVACY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY

Agencies providing services must comply with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provisions and regulations and all federal and state laws concerning confidentiality of consumers Personal Health Information (PHI). Agencies must have a client release of information policy in place and review the release regulations with the client before services are received. A signed copy of the release of information form must be included in the clients record. Information on all clients receiving Ryan White Part A funded services must be entered in the HRSA sponsored, Cleveland Part A managed, CAREWare Database.

CULTURAL AND LINGUISTIC COMPETENCY

Agencies providing services must adhere to the National Standards on Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services.

CLIENT GRIEVANCE PROCESS

Each agency must have a written grievance procedure policy in place which provides for the objective review of client grievances and alleged violations of service standards. Clients will be routinely informed about and assisted in utilizing this procedure and shall not be discriminated against for doing so. A signed copy of the grievance procedure policy form must be included in the clients record.

CASE CLOSURE PROTOCOL

Each agency providing services should have a case closure protocol on file. The reason for case closure must be properly documented in each clients file. If a client chooses to receive services from another provider the agency must honor the request from the client.