

Cleveland TGA Service Definition

For each funded service, a Cleveland TGA definition has been developed based on guidelines provided by HRSA, the intent of the local Planning Council and standards of practice determined by the grantee.

Please note: The Ryan White Part A Program is the “payer of last resort.” This means providers must make reasonable efforts to identify and secure other funding sources outside of Ryan White legislation funds, whenever possible. Part A funds are intended to be “the payer of last resort” for the provision of care. Providers are responsible for verifying an individual’s eligibility by investigating and eliminating all other potential billing sources for each service, including public insurance programs, or private insurance. Part A funds may not be used to supplant partial reimbursements from other sources to make up any un-reimbursed portion of the cost of such services.

CORE SERVICE:

Service: Early Intervention Services (EIS)

Counseling individuals with respect to HIV/AIDS; testing (not funded through Ryan White Part A); referrals; other clinical and diagnostic services regarding HIV/AIDS; periodic medical evaluations for individuals with HIV/AIDS; and providing therapeutic measures.

RWHAP Part A EIS services must include the following four components:

- Targeted HIV testing (not funded through Ryan White Part A) to help the unaware learn their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be HIV- infected.
 - Recipients must coordinate these testing services with other HIV prevention and testing programs to avoid duplication of efforts.
- Referral services to improve HIV care and treatment services at key points of entry
- Access and linkage to HIV care and treatment services such as HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, and Substance Abuse Care
- Outreach services and Health Education/Risk Reduction related to HIV diagnosis

Services should be targeted to the following populations:

- Newly diagnosed
- Receiving other HIV/AIDS services but not in primary care
- Formerly in care – dropped out
- Never in care
- Unaware of HIV status

EIS programs must have signed linkage agreements to work with key points of entry.

Given that EIS leads EIIHA (Early Identification of Individuals with HIV/AIDS) efforts, EIS programs must coordinate with prevention services, counseling and testing centers, as well as other RW Part A providers.

Unit of Service: 1 unit = 15 minute client encounter