

TITLE: HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM AND COST-SHARING ASSISTANCE FOR LOW-INCOME INDIVIDUALS PROGRAM: Ryan White Part B SECTION: Core Medical Services	<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revised <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reviewed	DATE: 8/6/19
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SERVICE CATEGORY DEFINITION

Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance is the provision of financial assistance for eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes premium payments, copayments and deductibles.

INTAKE AND ELIGIBILITY

Refer to *Utah Ryan White Part B Program Manual 2019*.

KEY SERVICE COMPONENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance is intended to help HIV positive individuals continuous access to healthcare without gaps in health insurance coverage or disruption of treatment. Continuous insurance coverage allows clients to obtain care not limited to HIV treatment, therefore resulting in greater overall client health outcomes. Continuous coverage also reduces the burden on publicly-funded medical care systems. Ryan White funds for the Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance can be used toward co-payments, co-insurance, deductibles and premiums. No Ryan White funds can be used toward co-payments associated with hospitalization and/or emergency room care.

No Ryan White Part B funds will be used to pay out-of-network costs. Ryan White funds can only be used to purchase insurance plans whose drug benefits are equivalent to those provided by the ADAP- Medication Program.

SERVICE PLAN

Refer to the most recent *Utah Ryan White Part B Performance Measures*

RESOURCES

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>

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