

AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)

Service Definition

Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (APA, not ADAP) are local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by a Part A, B or C Grantee or a Part B Grantee consortium to provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients. These organizations may or may not provide other services (e.g., primary care or case management) to the clients they serve through a Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program contract with their grantee.

Goals: The Standards of Care serve as guides to gauge the quality of HIV services in Santa Clara County.

Programs are considered APAs if they provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients and meet all of the following criteria:

- Have a client enrollment process;
- Have uniform benefits for all enrolled clients;
- Have a record system for distributed medications; and
- Have a drug distribution system.

Programs are not APAs if they dispense medications in one of the following situations:

- As a result or component of a primary medical visit;
- On an emergency basis (defined as a single occurrence of short duration); or
- By giving vouchers to a client to procure medications.

Local APAs are similar to AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) in that they provide medications for the treatment of HIV disease. However, local APAs are not paid for with Part B funds “earmarked” for ADAP. (From San Jose, CA TGA Definitions for Eligible Services Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Page 1).

**Ryan White Standards of Care
AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local) (C)**

AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local) providers are expected to comply with the Universal Standards of Care, as well as these additional standards:

1.0 Standard of Care: Licensure or Assurance

Standard	Measure/Documentation
A. Pharmacists and Pharmacy technicians are licensed by the California State Board of Pharmacy. Licenses are renewed every two years.	A. copy of license or other documentation in personnel file
B. Drug Formulary: The agency shall maintain a formulary of available medications. All medications should be purchased in a cost effective manner to serve the greatest number of persons possible	B. Copy of formulary available

2.0 Standard of Care: Knowledge, Skills, and Experience

- No Additional Standards

3.0 Standard of Care: Client Rights, Responsibilities, Confidentiality

- No Additional Standards

4.0 Standard of Care: Access, Care, Outreach, and Provider Continuity

Standard	Measure/Documentation
C. Referral: The agency shall refer clients who do not qualify for this service to Drug Company sponsored assistance programs whenever possible.	B. Referral documented in client record.

5.0 Standard of Care: Continuous Quality Improvement

- No additional Standards

6.0 Standard of Care: Training Programs

- No additional Standards

7.0 Standard of Care: Continuous Quality Improvement

- No additional Standards

8.0 Standard of Care: Staff Training

- No additional Standards

References and Published Guidelines:

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1. **Standards of Care for HIV/AIDS Services 2009, HIV Drug Assistance Services**, Boston Public Health Commission and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of HIV/AIDS at www.mass.gov/dph/aids
2. **Ryan White Title I Standards of Care for AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local) Core Services**. Approved by the Santa Clara County HIV Health Services Planning Council February 10, 2009.
3. **San Jose, CA TGA** Definitions for Eligible Services *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009*, **Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance**, July 1, 2011, Page 1.
4. **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)**, Division of Service Systems, Monitoring Standards for Ryan White Part A Grantees: Section B: Part 3, Program Monitoring Standards, April 2012, Page 6. <http://hab.hrsa.gov/>