

## Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance

### Service Definition

**Health Insurance Premium & 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, risk pools, co-payments, and deductibles (San Jose, CA TGA – Definitions for Eligible Services *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009*, July 1, 2011, Page 2).

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

**Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance providers are expected to comply with the Universal Standards of Care, as well as these additional standards:**

### Standards of Care

- 1.0 Standard of Care: Licensure or Assurance**
  - No additional standards
- 2.0 Standard of Care: Knowledge, Skill, and Experience**
  - No additional standards
- 3.0 Standard of Care: Client Rights, Responsibilities, Confidentiality**
  - No additional standards
- 4.0 Standard of Care: Access to Services**
  - No additional standards
- 5.0 Standard of Care: Care and Treatment**
  - No additional standards

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**6.0 Standard of Care: Outreach and Provider Continuity**

- 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:**

1. HIV/AIDS Bureau, Division of Science and Policy, Health Resources and Services Administration, **Instructions for Completing the 2007 Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Annual Data Report**, November 29, 2007
2. **Building a Safety Net for the Uninsured TA Conference Call (1999)** which may be found at <ftp://ftp.hrsa.gov/HAB/SafetyNet.pdf>
3. For a comprehensive overview of references, guidelines and resources please see the official WEB site for Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) at <http://hab.hrsa.gov>
4. **Ryan White Title I Standards of Care for Medical Case Management Services**. Approved by the Santa Clara County HIV Health Services Planning Council February 10, 2009.
5. **California State Office of AIDS (OA)** a division within California Department of Public Health, Center for Infectious Diseases, last modified August 29, 2012
6. **San Jose, CA TGA** – Definitions for Eligible Services *Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009*, July 1, 2011, “**Health Insurance Premium & Cost Sharing Assistance**” Page 2.