



RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM FACT SHEET



WHAT IS THE RYAN WHITE HIV/AIDS PROGRAM (RWHAP)?

RWHAP strives to provide clients with core medical services and supplemental services to increase their access to care and to promote a better quality life. RWHAP provides access to Medical Case Management services, outpatient/ambulatory health services, and AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP). Supplemental services, such as, medical transportation services, food/non-food assistance services and outreach are provided based on the client's needs and funding availability.

WHY IS RWHAP IMPORTANT?

The RWHAP was developed in order to enhance access to and retention in high quality care and treatment for individuals living with HIV/AIDS who have insufficient or no health care coverage or financial resources for coping with HIV disease. RWHAP fills the gaps in care not covered by other sources such as Medicare, Medicaid, Medically Indigent Program (MIP) or private health insurance. Ryan White's legacy is that people with AIDS who receive better quality HIV care live longer.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

The RWHAP serves HIV-positive individuals that live on Guam. Eligible clients are either U.S. Citizens, Permanent Residents or Freely Associated States (FAS) Citizens. Their Annual Household Income must not exceed 300% of the federal Poverty Guidelines.

HOW ARE SERVICES DELIVERED?

The Medical Case Manager (MCM) works closely with the RWHAP Monitor/Coordinator, Community Health Center physicians, off-island pharmacists, and other medical and non-medical service providers in order to increase access to care and promote healthier lifestyles of Persons Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) on Guam.

HOW CAN RWHAP SERVICES BE ACCESSED?

In order to qualify for services clients must enroll in the program and provide the required documentation. The Medical Case Manager (MCM) will assess for eligibility based on the program eligibility requirements. RWHAP Screenings for enrollment/services are conducted on Mondays to Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Medical Social Services office in Rm.152 at Mangilao Public Health or by appointment with the MCM.

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