

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES AVAILABLE THROUGH KENTUCKY'S RYAN WHITE AND STATE-FUNDED SERVICES PROGRAMS

Kentucky HIV Care Coordinator Program (KHCCP)

Purpose:

The intent of the KHCCP is to facilitate the provision of quality care and services to HIV infected individuals and their families in a timely and consistent manner across a continuum of care. The program provides Care Coordinators in six regional sites throughout Kentucky. Arrangements are made with local health departments in the Barren River, Cumberland Valley, Lexington-Fayette, and Northern Kentucky regions and two (2) non-profit agencies in the Louisville and Purchase regions, in order to aid the client in identifying and accessing needed services. These regional sites allow for statewide coverage, and better local access to these services. KHCCP also acts as an umbrella program for other client assistance programs such as the Kentucky Health Insurance Continuation Program, Outpatient Health Care and Support Services, and the State Support Services Programs. *(Continuation of all programs is contingent upon continued state and federal funding.)*

Goals of KHCCP:

- To optimize the client's self-care capabilities by empowering him/her to direct his/her own life decisions.
- To identify the extent of the client's informal support systems.
- To assist the client in locating and accessing existing services in areas including entitlement benefits (Medicaid and/or Social Security Disability Services), medical care, housing, counseling, transportation, legal and nutrition services.
- To identify and establish a referral system with area health care and social service providers and community-based HIV organizations, and HIV counseling and testing sites.
- To ensure that duplication of services by formal and informal support systems does not occur.
- To provide the client with educational information regarding disease transmission and maintenance of a healthy lifestyle, and encourage and reinforce good health habits and secondary prevention methods over the course of case management.
- To identify and document patterns of service needs and advocate for effective policies and resource development.
- To facilitate the initial and on-going education of health care and social service providers to the issues surrounding HIV disease.
- To ensure that program funding is appropriately used to meet the documented needs of HIV+ persons throughout the State in a manner that coordinates funding streams and makes use of existing community resources and services.

Basic Eligibility Criteria for Financial Assistance Programs:

- Household Income - 400% of federal poverty level, or less.
- Household Resources - cash assets of less than \$10,000.
- Client Residency - must be a resident of Kentucky.
- Medical Documentation - HIV+ status must be confirmed with appropriate documentation. (For KADAP participation, medical documentation must also include CD4+ T cell count and viral load.)
- Lack of Other Third Party Payer - must be ineligible for assistance from other third party payers for the assistance being requested.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS:

Kentucky AIDS Drug Assistance Program (KADAP) - This program assists low-income, eligible Kentuckians with the purchase of AIDS-related medications prescribed for FDA-approved indications. Once approved, eligible applicants receive formulary medications through a mail-order pharmacy service provided by the Kentucky Clinic Pharmacy **1-866-510-0005 (toll free)**

Kentucky Health Insurance Continuation Program (KHICP) - provides payments for the continuation of health insurance benefits for eligible individuals who are at risk of losing their employment-related or private-pay health insurance because of HIV disease.

Kentucky Outpatient Health Care and Support Services Programs - provide assistance for eligible individuals with a wide range of community-based medical and non-medical support services, such as, but not limited to, physical and mental health care, housing, nutrition, and transportation services. From the list of eligible services, *priority services* are identified during each funding period, based on such factors as client and Care Coordinator input, needs assessment survey results, resource inventories, client satisfaction surveys, and funding limitations.

The overall intent of the services programs is to provide clients with a continuum of care utilizing existing community-based services to the greatest extent possible.