



HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York

New York City has the largest HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States. In New York City in 2012 (the most recent year for which complete data are available), 114,926 individuals were living with HIV/AIDS. Approximately 5,000 additional people living with HIV/AIDS reside in Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam Counties. The HIV Health & Human Services Planning Council of New York, a federally-mandated community planning body, helps secure funds that pay for the provision of HIV-related medical and support services for uninsured and under-insured people living with HIV in New York City and the three northern counties. The Ryan White grant to the New York Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) pays for services for 16,000 men, women, and children each year.

The Ryan White program is the largest federal program focused exclusively on HIV care. New York City and Westchester, Rockland, and Putnam counties received \$102 million in Ryan White funds in 2013 to help fill gaps in care not covered by other funding sources. These funds pay for life-saving medication; medical case management; mental health; supportive counseling and family stabilization; legal services; food and nutrition; housing; health education and risk reduction; home- and community-based services; substance use services; and diagnostic testing.

The Chief Elected Official of each EMA that receives a Ryan White grant must appoint a Planning Council to make binding decisions about priorities and allocations through a process known as community-based planning. The Planning Council considers whether other payers for a service exist; whether the service promotes access to and maintenance in care; whether the service is a consumer priority; and whether the service addresses specific gaps and emerging needs in the HIV community.

Planning Council members include governmental representatives, health care providers, social service providers, health care planners, advocates, and a minimum of 33% New Yorkers living with HIV who are not employed by or on the board of directors of an organization receiving Ryan White funding. In the New York EMA, the Mayor appoints candidates recommended by the Planning Council. Planning Council members are appointed for a three-year term with the possibility of reappointment to a second three-year term.

The Ryan White program dates back to 1990, when President George H.W. Bush signed into law the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. This legislation has been reauthorized several times, most recently as the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act (HATEA) in 2009. Since 1991, the HIV Health & Human Services Planning Council of New York has helped bring over \$1.1 billion dollars in federal funding to New York City and the Tri-County region.

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