

**Ryan White Program
Service Delivery Guidelines
Fiscal Year 2011-2012
(Year 21)**

**Section IV –
Licensing & Accreditation
Requirements**



*Miami-Dade County
Office of Grants Coordination*

RYAN WHITE PROGRAM LICENSING AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL RYAN WHITE PROGRAM-FUNDED SERVICES

Provider possesses appropriate occupational licensing from Miami-Dade County and other applicable incorporated areas (i.e., City of Miami, City of Miami Beach, etc.).

ADDITIONAL LICENSING/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS (Listed by specific service category, in order of priority):

Outpatient Medical Care (Primary & Specialty Care) [including Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI):

Provider may be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Individual caregivers are licensed by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation within the appropriate professional board (i.e., Physicians, Nurse Practitioners, Registered Nurses, etc.). All physicians possess a Controlled Substance Registration License (DEA Certification) for dispensing controlled substances. Individuals providing nutritional counseling are Registered Dietitians (RD). A Registered Dietitian Eligible (RDE) may provide nutritional counseling under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian.

Prescription Drugs (including MAI)

Provider's Part A or MAI-funded pharmacists are registered pharmacists with the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. In addition, Provider's pharmacists possess a Controlled Substance Registration License (DEA Certification).

Substance Abuse Counseling – Residential Treatment (including MAI)

Provider's residential treatment sites are licensed by the Florida Department of Health as a Residential Substance Abuse Treatment facility. If food is prepared on site, the facility will have a food service license from the Miami-Dade County Health Department. All caregivers providing direct counseling services possess *postgraduate degrees* in the appropriate counseling-related field, and, preferably, are a *certified addiction professional (CAP)*.

Oral Health Care

Provider's Part A-funded dentists are licensed to practice dentistry by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation and possess a Controlled Substance Registration License (DEA Certification) for dispensing controlled substances.

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ADDITIONAL LICENSING/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS (continued):

Substance Abuse Counseling – Outpatient

Provider's outpatient treatment sites are licensed by the Florida Department of Health as an Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment facility. All counselors providing Level I substance abuse counseling services possess *postgraduate degrees* in the appropriate counseling-related field, and, preferably, are a *certified addiction professional (CAP)*. Non-certified personnel providing Level I or Level II outpatient substance abuse counseling services are supervised by a professional with appropriate Level I credentials.

Mental Health Therapy/Counseling (Levels I and/or II)

Provider's counselors providing Level I services are mental health professionals that possess postgraduate degrees in psychology or counseling (PhD, EdD, Psy.D), and are licensed by the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as a Licensed Clinical Psychologist, LCSW, LMHC, or LMFT to provide such services.

Provider's counselors providing Level II services possess Master's degrees in psychology, psychotherapy, or counseling (MS, MA, MSW, M.Ed.), and are licensed by the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation as a LCSW, LMHC, or LMFT to provide such services.

Psychosocial Support Services (Levels III and IV, and/or Pastoral Care)

All initial assessments and subsequent assignments to Level III and Level IV psychosocial support services will be done by a licensed Level I or Level II mental health professional. If counseling is provided by a non-licensed professional and/or peer counselor, oversight and supervision must be conducted by a licensed professional or a professional exempt from licensing under F.S. 491.014. The supervisor will approve and sign progress notes, mini-evaluations, and referrals.

Provider's Level III counselors hold a Bachelor's degree, or are unlicensed with a Master's degree in an appropriate counseling-related field.

Provider's Level IV staff consists of trained and supervised HIV-infected or affected peers to provide supportive counseling. Activities include forming or strengthening support groups and other areas appropriate for individual and group socio-emotional support related to conditions and situations stemming from a client's HIV status.

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ADDITIONAL LICENSING/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS (continued):

Psychosocial Support Services (cont'd)

Provider's pastoral care counselors hold a Master's degree in theology, philosophy, social work, or psychology from an accredited institution. Provider's pastoral care counselors have completed at least four units (1,600 hours or one full year) in clinical pastoral education (CPE) in an institution accredited by one of the following professional associations: the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education, National Association of Catholic Chaplains, National Association of Jewish Chaplains, American Institute of Islamic Studies, or Canadian Association of Pastoral Education.

Legal Assistance

Provider's attorneys providing legal assistance to eligible Ryan White Program clients are licensed by the Florida Bar Association. Provider's attorneys practicing in federal court are licensed by the South Florida U.S. District Court for the Southern District. Only civil cases are allowed under the Ryan White Program.

Home Delivered Meals

Provider's meal preparation facility is licensed by the State of Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Provider's van drivers possess a current, valid, and class-appropriate State of Florida driver's license.

Transportation Services (Vans)

Provider's van drivers possess a current, valid, and class-appropriate State of Florida driver's license.