

**Ryan White Program  
Service Delivery Guidelines  
Fiscal Year 2016  
(Year 26)**

**Section VIII –  
Allowable Medical Conditions List**



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ALLOWABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIST (REVISED)**

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*These conditions are related to or exacerbated by HIV, comorbidities related to HIV, and complications of HIV treatment.*

*This list is intended to address the federal Health Resources and Services Administration's requirement that services provided through outpatient medical care be related to an individual's HIV status. This list was created to assist medical providers with specialty care referrals and to emphasize the importance of documenting the link between an individual's HIV status and the specialty care service to which a client is referred. This list is a sample guideline to be used in Miami-Dade County's Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative Program of the most common conditions exacerbated or caused by HIV or its treatment.*

*Routine medical diagnostic testing (e.g., Pap smear, mammogram, bone density test, colonoscopy, colorectal cancer screening, and ophthalmologic screening) is allowable as long as such testing follows established medical guidelines, such as U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), American Medical Association, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), or other local guidelines, as a standard of care. Please see the most current, local Ryan White Program Service Delivery Guidelines for more information.*

When provided in an outpatient setting, labs, diagnostics and treatments related to HIV, as indicated above, including complications of HIV treatment related to the following conditions may be covered:

**CARDIOLOGY:**

atherosclerosis  
coronary artery disease  
hyperlipidemia

**COLORECTAL:**

abnormal anal Pap smears  
anal cancers  
fistulas  
hernias

**DENTAL (ORAL HEALTH CARE):**

human papillomavirus associated oral lesions  
giant aphthous ulcers  
oral cancers  
dental cancers

**DERMATOLOGY:**

skin conditions and symptoms, including skin appendages and oral mucosa  
dermatitis (including tinea infections)  
eczema/seborrheic dermatitis  
eosinophilic folliculitis  
herpes simplex virus  
Kaposi's sarcoma  
molluscum contagiosum  
onychomycosis  
photodermatitis  
pruritus (as a symptom of undiagnosed xerosis, psoriasis, scabies, lymphoma, etc.)  
psoriasis  
skin cancers (squamous cell carcinoma, etc.)  
warts

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**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT)/OTOLARYNGOLOGY:**

chronic sinusitis  
oral human papillomavirus  
oral cancers  
dental cancers

**ENDOCRINOLOGY:**

diabetes  
hypogonadism

**GASTROINTESTINAL:**

colitis (syphilitic colitis--very rare)  
diarrhea  
esophageal candidiasis  
nausea/vomiting

**GENITOURINARY (GU)/ GYNECOLOGY (GYN):**

abnormal Pap smear  
cervical human papillomavirus  
erectile dysfunction (*IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for evaluation and diagnostics of erectile dysfunction; but, the treatment of erectile dysfunction is not covered by the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program.*)  
hematuria (related to neoplasms)  
tinea cruris (jock itch) or scrotal candidiasis  
vaginal candidiasis  
gynecological cancers

**HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY:**

anemia  
Kaposi's sarcoma  
lymphoma  
polycythemia vera  
thrombocytopenia

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE:**

herpes simplex infections (1 and especially type 2), varicella zoster infections, non tuberculous mycobacterial infections  
histoplasmosis  
leishmaniasis  
syphilis  
tuberculosis  
viral hepatitis (hepatitis B and C)

**ORTHOPEDICS/RHEUMATOLOGY:**

avascular necrosis of hip  
osteopenia/osteoporosis  
HIV-related myopathy/myalgia  
HIV-related rheumatic diseases

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**NEPHROLOGY:**

human immunodeficiency virus-associated nephropathy  
renal failure (may be related to coronary artery disease induced by HIV or diabetes mellitus induced by HIV, etc)

**NEUROLOGY:**

delirium  
HIV associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND) <sup>1</sup>  
HIV related encephalopathy  
neurosyphilis  
neuropathy

**NUTRITION:**

lipodystrophy  
wasting  
weight gain  
weight loss

**OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY:** *IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for evaluation and diagnostics for HIV-related eye problems/complications; but, not the filling of prescriptions for corrective lenses.*

Clients must also meet at least one of these criteria to access ophthalmology/optometry services:

- Client has a low CD4 count (at or less than 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>) *currently*
- Client has a comorbidity (e.g. diabetes, hypertension, STI, etc.)
- Client has a prior diagnosis of cytomegalovirus retinitis (CMV)
- Client has Immune Reconstitution Syndrome

Referrals to an optometrist or ophthalmologist must indicate a condition attempting to rule out complications of HIV. Any one of these conditions listed below would apply as examples.

**Manifestations due to opportunistic infections:**

- acute retinal necrosis
- bacterial retinitis
- candida endophthalmitis
- cytomegalovirus retinitis
- cryptococcus chorioretinitis
- pneumocystis choroiditis
- toxoplasma retinochoroiditis

**Visual disturbances to rule out complication of HIV due to:**

- cancers of the eye (e.g. squamous cell carcinoma of the eye, Kaposi Sarcoma, etc)
- cataracts
- dry eyes (sicca)
- glaucoma

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<sup>1</sup> National Institute of Mental Health info <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/topics/hiv-aids/hiv-associated-neurocognitive-disorders.shtml>

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- intra-retinal hemorrhages
- reactive arthritis
- trichomegaly or eyelash hypertrichosis (exaggerated growth of the eye lashes found in the later stages of the disease)
- uveitis

**History of STI and complications of STI:**

- herpes simplex virus
- herpes zoster-varicella visual changes
- syphilis

**PODIATRY:**

diabetic foot care  
onychomycosis

**PULMONARY:**

mycobacterium  
pneumocystis pneumonia  
recurrent pneumonia  
tuberculosis

**PSYCHIATRY:**

mental health disorders caused/exacerbated by HIV diagnosis or HIV treatment



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December 20, 2013

Dear Ryan White Program OMC and MCM Service Providers:

**RE: Clarification Letter – Notation of HIV-related OMC Referrals**

This is a follow up and clarification to the letter from this office dated August 27, 2013, that addressed referrals in the outpatient medical care (OMC) definition of the FY 2013 Ryan White Program Service Delivery Guidelines, specifically: "NOTE: Referrals to outpatient specialty care services must include documentation or a notation to support the specialty's relation to the clients' HIV diagnosis or co-morbidity." Please see the attached copy of the August 27, 2013 letter for reference.

This office requires any referral to specialty medical care and outpatient hospital or ambulatory surgical centers on behalf of a Ryan White Program client to include documentation or a notation that the service requested is a Ryan White Program-allowable condition (i.e., is in relation to a client's HIV diagnosis, a related co-morbidity, a condition aggravated or exacerbated by HIV, or a complication of HIV treatment). This is necessary to help facilitate recordkeeping and billing for outpatient medical care procedures, help them stand up to audit, and minimize disallowed services. For that purpose, it is important that the client's primary care physician clearly document in the client's medical record that a referral is being made to an outpatient medical specialty service, outpatient hospital, or ambulatory surgical center; and such documentation will reference the reason for the referral and the relationship to the client's Ryan White Program-allowable condition (as indicated above).

Attached please also find approved guidance from the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership's Medical Care Subcommittee, dated December 9, 2013, which provides a sample list of medical conditions that are most commonly experienced by clients who are also under treatment for HIV. Where clearly documented that the service is in relation to one or more of these Ryan White Program-allowable conditions, the related laboratory and diagnostic services and corresponding treatments would be covered by the local Ryan White Program on an outpatient basis, per the established reimbursement structure.

For audit purposes, the same supporting documentation or notation needs to be included on the actual prescription to the specialty medical care provider or as an attachment. This process is specific to physician initiated referrals to outpatient specialty care, outpatient hospital, or ambulatory surgical center services. Please note the following:

- **For internal referrals** to specialty medical care services that do not require a medical case manager's Ryan White Program Certified Referral, documentation of the required information in both the client's medical chart and on the prescription itself is sufficient for audit purposes.

- **For an external referral** requiring a Ryan White Program Certified Referral, the medical case manager (MCM) will also be required to include a notation in the Certified Referral's comment section that the specialty medical care service and/or procedure is needed due to the client's HIV diagnosis, co-morbidity, condition exacerbated by HIV, or complication of HIV treatment, where applicable.
  - Ryan White Program Certified Referrals that do not include this information will not be processed, thereby causing a possible delay in a client's access to service.
  - If a medical case manager receives a physician's prescription that does not include this information, it is the medical case manager's responsibility to request a revised prescription or additional information **BEFORE** processing the referral; including any referrals to Miami Beach Community Health Center for labs, diagnostics, or specialty care services.

The following are some referral scenarios related to this process:

- 1) The following is an example of a referral to an outpatient specialty care service via an internal (medical provider to medical provider) referral:

A client sees his primary care physician, a UM/JMH doctor, and is referred to an ear/nose/throat (ENT) specialist within UM/JMH for chronic sinusitis. Medical research supports the relationship of chronic sinusitis as a condition aggravated by HIV. Therefore, the service may be Ryan White Program-allowable if the physician determines the client's condition meets the criteria of being aggravated by HIV. The diagnosis and referral must be documented in the client's medical record at the primary care practitioner's office with a notation that the condition is exacerbated or aggravated by the client's HIV infection, if that is true in this particular case. The diagnosis and notation that the condition is exacerbated or aggravated by the client's HIV infection should also be noted on the prescription or referral to the ENT specialist. Referrals and services with prescriptions that lack this information will be delayed, and may be denied, causing inconvenience to the client or repayment from the referring provider to the Ryan White Program.

- 2) The following is an example of a referral to an outpatient specialty care service via an external referral (i.e., one requiring a Ryan White Certified Referral):

A client sees her primary care physician at Borinquen Health Care Center and is referred to Miami Beach Community Health Center's subcontracted ENT specialist for chronic sinusitis. The condition is Ryan White Program-allowable as indicated in scenario #1 above. The diagnosis and referral must be documented in the client's medical record at the primary care physician's office with a notation that the condition is exacerbated or aggravated by client's HIV infection, if that is true in this particular case. The diagnosis and notation that the condition is exacerbated or aggravated by the client's HIV infection should also be noted on the prescription or referral to the ENT specialist. The medical case manager, when generating the Ryan White Program Certified Referral **MUST** also enter the notation in the comment section of the Ryan White Program Certified Referral regarding the condition being exacerbated or aggravated by the client's HIV infection as

noted by the physician. Ryan White Program Certified Referrals that lack this information will be delayed, and may be denied, causing inconvenience to the client or provider repayment to the Ryan White Program. The medical case manager is responsible for following up with the referring physician to obtain the required information.

- 3) The following is an example of a referral to an outpatient specialty care service that cannot be processed by the local Ryan White Program:

A client is playing basketball and injures his knee, resulting in a tear of their anterior cruciate ligament (ACL). The primary care physician wants to refer the client to an orthopedic surgeon. This situation does not meet the local definition of a Ryan White Program-allowable service, as defined above. Therefore, a referral to the Ryan White Program is not appropriate, and Ryan White Program funds cannot be used to conduct any laboratory or diagnostic testing or provide any related treatment.

For clarity, one or more of the conditions on the attached sample list of HIV-related conditions along with one of the following catch-phrases should be included in the physician's notation and related referral, as appropriate:

- Service is in relation to this client's HIV diagnosis.
- Service is needed due to a related co-morbidity.
- Service is needed due to a condition aggravated or exacerbated by the client's HIV.
- Service is needed due to a complication of this client's HIV treatment.

Please share this information with your medical providers, medical case management supervisors, medical case managers, and other relevant staff and ensure they understand the importance of following this process in order to continue providing the best care we can to our clients and be prepared for any audit. Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in helping this process run smoothly.

If you have questions, please contact Carla Valle-Schwenk, Program Administrator, at (305) 375-4742. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Attachments