

**Ryan White Program
Service Delivery Guidelines
Fiscal Year 2019
(Year 29)**

**Section IV –
Licensing & Accreditation
Requirements**



***Miami-Dade County
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RYAN WHITE PROGRAM LICENSING AND ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS

GENERAL LICENSING REQUIREMENT FOR ALL RYAN WHITE PROGRAM-FUNDED SERVICE PROVIDERS (Provider)

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 alphabetical order):

AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (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).

Mental Health Services (Levels I and/or II)

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

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

Level II direct service providers may also be: 1) Florida registered interns as defined by Florida Statute (F.S.) 491.0045 (Clinical Social Work Intern, Mental Health Counselor Intern, or Marriage and Family Therapy Intern), or 2) a Psychology Intern, Postdoctoral Resident, or Fellow satisfying Rule 64B19-11.005 of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). Such interns will provide services under the supervision of a licensed State of Florida LCSW, LMHC, LMFT or Licensed Psychologist to provide such services.

Oral Health Care

This core medical service can be provided by a dental health care professional licensed to provide dental care in the State of Florida, including general Dentists, dental specialists, and Dental Hygienists, as well as licensed Dental Assistants. In accordance with Rule 64B5-9.011 of the Florida Administrative Code, Dental Assistants who are formally trained or have an appropriate certification (e.g., radiography) meet HRSA's requirement of a licensed Dental Assistant.

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, if applicable.

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ADDITIONAL LICENSING/ACCREDITATION REQUIREMENTS (continued):

Other Professional Services (Legal Services and Permanency Planning)

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 as specified in Section I, Other Professional Services (Legal Services and Permanency Planning), of this Service Delivery Guidelines book are covered under the Ryan White Program.

Outpatient /Ambulatory Health Services [including Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)]:

Provider may be accredited by the Joint Commission [formerly 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, Physician Assistants, Clinical Nurse Specialists, Nurse Practitioners, Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners or other health care professionals). All physicians who dispense controlled substances must possess a Controlled Substance Registration License (DEA Certification). Individuals providing nutritional counseling are Registered Dietitians (RD). A Registered Dietitian Eligible (RDE) may provide nutritional counseling under the supervision of a Registered Dietitian.

Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

Provider's outpatient treatment sites are licensed by the Florida Department of Health as an Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment facility. Direct service counselors providing Level I outpatient substance abuse counseling services must possess at least a *Doctorate or postgraduate degrees* (PhD or Master's degree) in the appropriate counseling-related field, and preferably be licensed as a *certified addiction professional* (CAP), Licensed Clinical Psychologist, LCSW, LMHC, or LMFT to provide such services. Level II Substance Abuse Outpatient Care will be provided by trained and supervised counselors (who may possess Bachelor's degrees or have related experience, and may not be licensed), peers, and facilitators. Non-certified personnel providing this Level II service will be supervised by professionals with appropriate Level I substance abuse counseling credentials.

Substance Abuse Services [Residential (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 Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. All caregivers providing direct counseling services possess *postgraduate degrees* in the appropriate counseling-related field, and, preferably, are a *certified addiction professional* (CAP).