

## MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RYAN WHITE PROGRAM ALLOWABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIST

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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  
phlebitis  
peripheral artery disease

### **CHIROPRACTIC/PHYSICAL MEDICINE:**

Fibromyalgia  
Peripheral neuropathy  
Rheumatic diseases  
Osteopenia/osteoporosis  
Avascular necrosis (Stage 1 or 2 only)  
Chronic myopathy/myalgia, HIV related  
Chronic arthralgia, HIV related

*IMPORTANT NOTE: According to CDC, chronic pain is defined as pain having duration of at least three months. Chronic pain is considered a co-morbidity of HIV. This may also contribute to the depression with pain comorbidity complex (DPC). Treatment of acute pain is not covered.*

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**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  
impetigo  
Kaposi's sarcoma  
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)  
molluscum contagiosum  
onychomycosis  
photodermatitis  
pruritus (as a symptom of undiagnosed xerosis, psoriasis, scabies, lymphoma, etc.)  
psoriasis  
skin cancers (squamous cell carcinoma, etc.)  
warts

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

chronic sinusitis  
oral human papillomavirus  
oral cancers  
dental cancers

**ENDOCRINOLOGY:**

diabetes  
hypogonadism  
hormone replacement therapy (for individuals of trans experience)

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**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)

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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES:**

mental health disorder caused or exacerbated by HIV diagnosis or HIV treatment  
mental health disorder/condition that significantly hinders a client's HIV treatment adherence

**IMPORTANT NOTES:**

- *As covered by this local Ryan White Part A Program:*
  - *Services in this general category (other than Psychiatry, see page 6) are not provided under Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services.*
  - *Mental Health Services include the provision of outpatient psychological and psychiatry screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services offered to clients who are living with HIV or AIDS. These services may be used by appropriate mental health providers to assess and diagnose a mental health illness. **However, a diagnosed mental health illness is required to receive ongoing treatment and counseling under this service category.***
  - *Services are to be provided by a mental health professional holding a PhD, EdD, PsyD, MA, MS, MSW, or M.Ed. degree, AND be licensed in the State of Florida as a LCSW, LMHC, LMFT, or Licensed Clinical Psychologist. Appropriately supervised interns may also provide such services, as defined in the local Ryan White Program Service Delivery Guidelines, under Mental Health Services.*

**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

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

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

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

**ORTHOPEDICS/RHEUMATOLOGY:**

avascular necrosis of hip, knee, etc.  
osteopenia/osteoporosis  
HIV-related myopathy/myalgia  
HIV-related rheumatic diseases  
Fibromyalgia

**PODIATRY:**

Foot and ankle pain (*IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for diagnostic evaluation of foot and ankle pain. Conditions such as hammer toes, bunions, heel spurs may be covered if related to neuropathies. Sprains or fractures are not covered unless a direct connection to neuropathies is present.*)

diabetic foot care  
onychomycosis

**PSYCHIATRY:**

mental health disorder caused or exacerbated by HIV diagnosis or HIV treatment  
mental health disorder/condition that significantly hinders a client's HIV treatment adherence

*IMPORTANT NOTE:*

- *Under this component, a Psychiatrist will assess, diagnose, and treat mental illness in an outpatient/ambulatory health care setting.*

**PULMONARY:**

mycobacterium  
pneumocystis pneumonia  
recurrent pneumonia  
tuberculosis