



Phoenix Ryan White Part A Monthly Update

Greetings! What's the Buzz?



Upcoming Dates

There will be **NO Planning Council meetings for the month of August.**

Sept 5—Labor Day Holiday-*RWPA Office Closed*

Sept 7—Allocations Meeting

Sept 7—CHPS Meeting

Sept 8—TEAM Meeting

Sept 8—Planning Council Meeting

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2016 NACo Awards!

We are proud to announce the Ryan White Part A Program received three 2016 National Association of Counties (NACo) Awards. These awards are a reflection of the innovative work being accomplished within the Phoenix EMA Ryan White Program. The awards were given for 1) *Improved Notification of HIV Diagnosis to Jail Patients and Partners*, 2) *Ryan White New Provider Staff Checklist and Onboarding Process* and 3) *HIV Planning Council Leadership Academy-Addressing Leadership Development Needs*.

Update on Affordable Care Act Marketplace

Several of the current Affordable Healthcare Health Plans have announced that they will not be offering health plans under the ACA in 2017. The Ryan White Parts A,B,C and D programs are working together to identify the options that will be available to our clients in 2017. More information will be available in September, and we will be providing additional guidance as soon as it is available. Open Enrollment for 2017 (OE4) begins on November 1, 2016, and the RWPA Medical Providers and Case Managers will be instrumental in helping inform, educate and enroll our clients into new health plans.

Reminders

Clinical Quality Management Meeting and Contractor Calls

The **Clinical Quality Management (CQM) Committee** will meet on **Wednesday, August 17th at 1:00pm**. Each provider will present on their current PDSA projects. Presentations should be emailed to Jeremy Hyvarinen by Wednesday, August 10th. We are excited to hear about the progress each of you are making related to linkage, retention and viral load suppression. The second week in September will begin our second **Quarterly Contractor Calls** with all providers. We will send a reminder notification with an agenda and documents that will be reviewed during the call. You may contact Evelyn Bester for more information.

RWPA Client Eligibility

As a reminder to all providers, if a client presents to your office requesting services and claiming to be RWPA eligible and eligibility cannot be confirmed in CAREWare, please contact the Central Eligibility Office directly at 602-212-3788. The CE staff will check to see if there are any pending documents that could confirm eligibility or identify what is missing to complete eligibility. This process can save time for you, eliminate client confusion, and avoid approval of services that may be unallowable if the client has not been determined to be RWPA eligible.

Site Visits

Site Visit Season is coming soon! Be on the look out for an announcement!

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