

February 18, 2009

**Important notification to all medical providers serving Ohio Ryan White funded patients regarding new federal requirements for client level data collection.**

Dear Medical Service Provider:

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-415, December 19, 2006) reauthorized and updated the legislation governing the Federal HIV/AIDS programs in the Public Health Service (PHS) Act under Title XXVI. All Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Parts (Parts A, B, C, D and F) fall under the administration of the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). Accurate records from all grantees and providers receiving RWHAP funding continue to be critical to the implementation of the new legislation and thus are necessary for HRSA to fulfill its responsibilities.

Previously, the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) of HRSA required that funded grantees and their service providers report aggregate data annually. In order to address certain deficiencies in the system, all RWHAP grantees and service providers will start using a new biannual data reporting system to report information to HAB on their programs, services and clients, beginning in March, 2009.

The newly released Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services Report (RSR) is required to be submitted to HRSA/HAB biannually. The RSR contains client level data including HIV clinical information and medical services received. In Ohio, this report will be completed by collecting data from all medical service providers that deliver direct client services and accept payment from the RWHAP through our funded case management agencies and/or our third party administrator (TPA), Nationwide. Medical service providers are responsible for submitting client level data (CLD) for each client receiving services funded by the RWHAP, **effective for all funded visits beginning March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009.**

HIV Care Services at the Ohio Department of Health, administrator of the Ryan White Part B Program for Ohio, will collect the data from providers, compile the data into the correct format required by HRSA/HAB, then submit the reports to HRSA by their biannual deadlines on behalf of the providers. We have developed the Medical Provider Visit Form included in this packet of information to be the initial clinical client level data collection tool used to inform the required reports.

Once data has been collected and analyzed, we will be able to share information of clinical importance with our medical providers.

The Quality Management Team in HIV Care Services at the Ohio Department of Health is actively developing the HIV Clinical Quality Improvement Program for Part B of the Ryan White Program in the state of Ohio. Our efforts combined with new data will help to ensure that services adhere to Public Health Service guidelines and established clinical practice, improve access to care, encourage adherence to prescribed care, and ultimately ensure that Ryan White patients receive a consistent level of quality service across all provider settings in Ohio.

**Please carefully review all documents enclosed with this packet.**

We look forward to the involvement, input and cooperation of our medical service providers as we work through the process of developing our Clinical Quality Improvement Program.

For any questions or comments regarding the Medical Provider Visit Form (MPVF), instructions for completion of the MPVF, questions regarding the Clinical Quality Improvement Program, or **if you would like to discuss submitting client level data to us in an electronic format**, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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**ENCLOSURES:**

1. Medical Provider Visit Form (MPVF)
2. Medical Provider Visit Form introduction, explanation and directions
3. Simplified directions for completion of MPVF