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Ryan White Part A Eligibility Guidance

Consumer Program Update

Nassau-Suffolk EMA
UNITED WAY OF LONG ISLAND

Ryan White Part A Program

Client Eligibility

Welcome to the Ryan White Part A Program, funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA). To receive services you will need to provide documentation that confirms your HIV status, your residency in Nassau or Suffolk County, your income and your health insurance status. If you are accessing services for the very first time, you will have 20 business days from the day of the request to provide all documentation. Eligibility documentation is required by HRSA.

HIV Status

Proof of HIV status is only required once. While you will only be asked only once to provide proof of status, you may be asked to provide updated lab reports as part of your medical update.

Residency in Nassau or Suffolk County

Ryan White funds that are designated for Long Island are to be used to provide services to its residents. In order to receive Ryan White Part A services in the Nassau-Suffolk EMA you must show proof that you are a resident of Nassau or Suffolk Counties.

Income

If you make 500% of the Federal Poverty Level or less (which amounts to \$67,950 for 1 individual, with the income limit increasing based on household members) you meet the income requirements for Ryan White Part A services. If applicable, documentation of current income must also be submitted for each member of your household.

Health Insurance

Part A funds are considered payer of last resort. As a result, Part A funds cannot be used to provide services that are reimbursable under any other program, (e.g., Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, or ADAP). If you have insurance you will need to provide a copy of your current health insurance to your provider. If you do not have insurance, all Part A providers are expected to help coordinate your benefits and ensure that you have access to programs you may be eligible to receive.

Documentation and Frequency of Verification

The attached checklist outlines acceptable forms of documentation for proof of HIV status, residency, income and health insurance. Once your eligibility for Ryan White and program services has been established, you will be asked annually to confirm your eligibility and to attest if anything has changed. If your residency, income or insurance status changes at any time while you are receiving services, you need to inform your provider and submit documentation.

Recertification happens every two years. At that time, your provider will request updated copies of documentation for residency, income and health insurance. Refusal to provide required documentation may mean that you may no longer be eligible to receive services. If you are having trouble getting any documentation at any time, please work with your provider and ask for assistance.

Be sure to sign your *Authorization for Release of Health Information and Confidential HIV-Related Information* so that your providers can share eligibility information and you don't have to provide it to multiple agencies and providers.

Veteran's Exception to Client Eligibility

Note: If you are a veteran, you will not be denied services based on the client eligibility requirements. Providers will ask for you to provide valid proof of military service to include in your file for this exception.

Below is the current list of Part A providers and services in the Nassau Suffolk region.

Ryan White Part A Providers and Service Type	
Agency	Ryan White Part A Service Provided
Circulo de la Hispanidad	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention Services • Medical Transportation
EOC of Suffolk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Transportation
Hispanic Counseling Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mental Health Services
LIFQHC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Health Care
Nassau HealthCare Foundation (NUMC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Financial Assistance, • Medical Case Management • Mental Health Services
Nassau Suffolk Law Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legal Services
North Shore University Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services • Medical Case Management • Medical Nutrition Therapy • Mental Health Services
Research Foundation/Stony Brook Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Financial Assistance • Medical Case Management • Medical Nutrition Therapy
Options for Community Living, Inc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency Financial Assistance • Medical Case Management
Stony Brook Southampton Hospital/Edie Windsor Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Case Management • Mental Health Services
Suffolk County Department of Health Services (Jail Unit)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Case Management
Sun River Health	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Case Management • Oral Health Care
Thursday's Child of Long Island	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Intervention Services • Emergency Financial Assistance

Ryan White Part A Eligibility Documentation Checklist

1. HIV Status – please provide ONE of the following

- Lab Report
- Signed Medical Statement

2. Residency in Nassau or Suffolk County – please provide ONE of the following

- Food stamp documentation (for you or your minor child)
- General Assistance documentation
- TANF documentation
- Social Security or Veteran’s Administration Benefits award letter
- Property Tax Statement
- Mortgage or lease agreement with client’s name and residence
- Driver’s license or other DMV issued identification card
- Utility Bills
- Head of Household Letter ONLY when client resides at same address as Head of Household
- Statement from a provider who verified client residency by completing a home visit

3. Income - please provide ONE of the following

- Proof that you have Medicare or Medicaid
- SSI/SSD, TANF, Food Stamp or VA Award Letters
- Wage and Tax Statements (W2 form)
- Copy of most recent Federal Income Tax Return (1040)
- Paycheck stubs covering at least 3 pay periods OR year-to-date pay prior to the date you are seeking eligibility certification
- A signed “Self-Attestation” income statement
- A Third Party Query System from the Social Security Office or verification from the NYS Department of Labor
- Statement of Direct Deposit as long as the gross income is reflected

4. Health Insurance

- Current Health Insurance Card, if you have insurance