

# WISCONSIN AIDS/HIV PROGRAM NOTES

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## *Local Services Supported Through Ryan White Part B Funding*

This issue of *Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program Notes* highlights current services in Wisconsin that are provided by local agencies and supported under Part B of the federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006.

### **Introduction**

Congress created the Ryan White CARE Act in 1990 in response to calls for assistance from a number of urban public hospitals in the U.S. that were struggling financially from uncompensated care provided to individuals dying of AIDS. The Act was named for Ryan White, a teenager who contracted HIV through a blood transfusion and died after an eight-year struggle with the disease.

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act covers a series of grant programs that fund treatment services for people with HIV/AIDS who are either uninsured or underinsured. In 2007, over 6,200 residents in Wisconsin benefited from services supported under Ryan White funding. The federal agency responsible for administering the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act is the [Health Resources and Services Administration](#) (HRSA). Part B of the Modernization Act provides funding to all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five U.S. Pacific Territories or Associated Jurisdictions.

In addition to the services highlighted in this article, Part B funding supports the Wisconsin [AIDS/HIV Drug Assistance Program](#) and the [Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Health Insurance Premium Subsidy Program](#).

### **Local Services Supported Through Ryan White Part B**

During the 2008 Ryan White project year (April 1, 2008 - March 31, 2009), the Wisconsin Division of Public Health (DPH) has contracted \$2,427,700 to twelve agencies to provide HIV/AIDS treatment services. Contracts focus on the provision of “core medical services” as defined by HRSA and comprising the following:

- **Outpatient/ambulatory medical care:** Professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician’s assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting.

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- **Oral health care:** Diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services provided by general dental practitioners, dental specialists, dental hygienists and auxiliaries, and other trained primary care providers.
- **Mental health services:** Psychological and psychiatric treatment and counseling services for individuals with a diagnosed mental illness and provided by a State licensed or authorized provider.
- **Substance abuse services:** Medical or other treatment/counseling to address substance abuse problems in an outpatient setting, rendered by a physician or under the supervision of a physician or other qualified personnel.

In addition to core medical services, local agencies also provide HRSA-defined support services, including psychosocial case management, legal services, treatment adherence counseling, emergency financial assistance, and food bank and home delivered meals.

For further information regarding Ryan White Part B funded services in Wisconsin, contact Mari Ruetten, Ryan White Coordinator, at 608-261-6397 or via e-mail [mari.ruetten@wisconsin.gov](mailto:mari.ruetten@wisconsin.gov) .

The following table highlights local services supported in Wisconsin through Ryan White Part B.

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Agency Service Area Contact	Medical Care	Oral Health	Mental Health and Substance Abuse	Case Management	Emergency Financial Assistance	Legal Services	Adherence	Other Support	Total
<b>AIDS Network Southern Region (608) 252-6540</b>	\$15,846 medication coverage; nutritional counseling; supplements	\$43,038 routine, therapeutic, & restorative care; assistance with copays.	\$13,556 mental health services; support group services	\$88,745 psychosocial case management including bilingual services	\$14,000 emergency shelter	\$12,500 legal advocacy, advice, representation & referrals	\$30,000 medication adherence, support & monitoring	\$8,315 home delivered meals; transportation for medical appointments	<b>\$226,000</b>
<b>ARCW Northeastern (920) 437-7400 Northern (715) 355-6867 Southeastern (414) 273-1991 Western (715) 836-7710</b>	\$414,078 direct & contracted medical care; medications; lab work; vaccines; specialty care	\$211,561 direct & contracted routine, therapeutic, & restorative care; dental supplies	\$126,950 mental health & substance abuse counseling	\$162,461 psychosocial case management including bilingual services	\$61,000 emergency medical assistance & copay expenses; transport for medical appointments; nutritional supplements	\$15,100 legal advocacy, advice, representation & referrals.			<b>\$991,150</b>
<b>Comprehensive Health Education Southeastern Region (414) 272-2161</b>							\$53,000 health education, risk reduction & support; treatment adherence counseling		<b>\$53,000</b>

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<b>Healthcare for the Homeless</b> <b>Southeastern Region</b> <b>(414) 374-2400</b>			\$19,400 direct & contracted mental health & substance abuse services	\$66,000 psychosocial case management including bilingual services					<b>\$85,400</b>
<b>Legal Aid Services</b> <b>Southeastern Region</b> <b>(414) 727-5352</b>						\$30,100 client advocacy			<b>\$30,100</b>
<b>Medical College Infectious Disease Clinic</b> <b>Southeastern Region</b> <b>(414) 805-6444</b>	\$57,348 medical care; medications			\$70,002 psychosocial case management, including medication adherence counseling					<b>\$127,350</b>
<b>Medical College Pediatrics Department</b> <b>Statewide</b> <b>(414)337-7076</b>	\$210,600 direct & contracted medical care								<b>\$210,600</b>
<b>Milwaukee Health Services</b> <b>Southeastern Region</b> <b>(414) 267-3700</b>	\$56,070 medical care coordination		\$47,083 substance abuse services; neuropsycholo gical screening; medication consultation	\$16,847 psychosocial case management					<b>\$120,000</b>

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New Concepts Self Development Center  Southeastern Region (414) 344-5788			\$10,000 mental health services	\$66,000 psychosocial case management					\$76,000
Sixteenth Street Community Health Center  Southeastern Region (414) 672-1315	\$37,373 nurse case management		\$46,813 substance abuse screenings & treatment referrals, mental health services	\$54,898 psychosocial case management including bilingual services				\$108,416 early intervention services; contracted dental & subspecialty care.	\$247,500
UMOS  Southeastern Region (414) 389-6504			\$50,000 mental health & substance abuse services; transportation	\$104,600 psychosocial case management including bilingual services				\$10,000 support groups	\$164,600
UW Hospital and Clinics  Statewide (608) 262-5007	\$30,415 medication adherence & counseling			\$65,585 inmate psychosocial case management; release & discharge planning					\$96,000
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$821,730</b>	<b>\$254,599</b>	<b>\$313,802</b>	<b>\$695,138</b>	<b>\$75,000</b>	<b>\$57,700</b>	<b>\$83,000</b>	<b>\$126,731</b>	<b>\$2,427,700</b>

For further information regarding services supported and coordinated through the Wisconsin AIDS/HIV Program, visit the AIDS/HIV Program website at <http://www.dhfs.state.wi.us/AIDS-HIV/>.