

Important information about the HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs

The following is important information.

You need to know about your rights and responsibilities if you apply and are determined eligible for the services offered by the Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS, Patient Care Programs.

The information you give on the application must be true and correct to the best of your knowledge. If you give information that is not true or if you withhold information and receive services that you are not eligible to receive, you can be lawfully punished for fraud. You may also have to pay the Department of Health back for services you receive under these circumstances.

The information you give about your income and family situation may be checked, including computer matches. You must agree to let the Department of Health's eligibility staff obtain needed information to make a determination of eligibility.

The Department of Health, eligibility staff cannot discriminate because of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nationality or political belief.

You can ask for a fair hearing if you think the decision made on your case is unfair or incorrect.

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Please read this brochure carefully before you complete the application.

Follow the instructions, detach the completed application from the brochure & submit to the following address:

- Please look over your application before submitting it.
- Include all of your documentation to avoid delays in the processing.
- All of your questions will be answered during your scheduled interview.

Call this local # if you need help in completing the application:

Contact your local County Health Department or call 1-800-FLA.AIDS (1-800 352-2437) for the closest location to apply.

APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Ryan White
Title II Consortia
and Other
Bureau of
HIV/AIDS Patient
Care Programs

AIDS Drug
Assistance
Program
(ADAP)

AIDS Insurance
Continuation
Program (AICP)

State Housing
Opportunities
for Persons with
AIDS (HOPWA)

What are Program Qualifications?

Program Qualifications are specific requirements for enrollment in one of the following single service programs: For example:

- **ADAP** requires a prescription on the drug formulary.
- **AICP** requires a health insurance policy.
- **HOPWA** requires 80% of the median area income which may be more restrictive than the 300%.

But, don't worry. If you do not meet these Program Qualifications, your eligibility status still allows you to receive these services from other HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs, if funded and available.

How do I apply?

Using blue or black ink fill out this application and submit it to the address on the back of this brochure with the required information. You can complete it yourself or ask eligibility staff to help you.

What required documentation do I include?

There are several types of documentation you must provide.

Part 1: Proof of HIV Status-Original or copy of an HIV Laboratory Test which shows your HIV Status--Do Not Bring a Doctor's Statement.

Part 2: Living in Florida. Bring Photo ID if possible.

Part 3: Bring all documents that show you are receiving services from other programs or have been denied, such as:

- Medicaid Card
- Medicare Card
- Project AIDS Care Eligibility Notice
- Insurance Policy
- Public Assistance Program Award or Denial Letters
- Veterans Administration and Other Documents which apply.

What are the eligibility requirements?

- You have to be HIV positive.
- You must be living in Florida.
- You cannot be receiving the same services from Medicaid, Project AIDS Care or Insurance.
- You have to be low-income - at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), and \$12,000 or less in cash assets.

What services are covered?

- Doctor visits
- Dental
- Transportation
- Health Insurance Premiums
- Case Management
- Prescriptions
- Housing
- Others Support Services

If I am determined eligible can I receive all these services?

Not necessarily. The services have to be available and funded. In addition, there are **Program Qualifications** to participate in the following single service programs:

- **ADAP** Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- AIDS Insurance Continuation Program (AICP)
- State Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA)

Parts 4 & 5: Bring all that apply to show your Income, Cash & Items of Value, such as :

- Current Pay Stubs (**last 3 months if possible**)
- Bank & Savings Statements
- Military & Earnings Statement
- Rental & Other Income
- If Self Employed--1040 Form
- Public Assistance Award or Denial Letters

What If I don't have all the documentation?

It's Okay. Include what you have or call the local office for help. Remember having the correct information at the time of the application will quicken your eligibility determination.

What happens after I send or take in the application?

When your application and the documentation is received you will be scheduled an eligibility interview with eligibility staff to review the application. You may be asked to submit more information.

When will I start receiving services?

Eligibility staff will give you an eligibility confirmation letter after your application is processed and approved. You will be asked to choose a case management agency to help you determine all of your needs and/or you may be referred to one of the single service programs for drugs, housing or insurance assistance depending on your situation.

What if I am not eligible and I don't like the decision?

You will receive a written letter explaining why you are not eligible, and you will be provided information about your right to ask for a fair hearing.