Child Care
Service Standards

**HRSA Definition:** The RWHAP supports intermittent child care services for the children living in the household of PLWH who are RWHAP-eligible clients for the purpose of enabling clients to attend medical visits, related appointments, and/or RWHAP-related meetings, groups, or training sessions.

**Program Guidance:** The use of funds under this service category should be limited and carefully monitored.

Such arrangements may also raise liability issues for the funding source, which should be carefully weighed in the decision process.

**Limitations:** Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted.

**Services:** Child Care Services is the provision of intermittent child care for children living in the household of RWHAP-eligible clients for the purpose of attending medical visits, related appointments to support HIV care, and RWHAP-related meetings, groups, and trainings. Allowable uses of funds include: a licensed or registered child care provider to deliver intermittent care; informal child care provided by a neighbor, family member, or other person (federal restrictions prohibit giving cash to clients or caregivers to pay for these services).
**Service Standard and Performance Measure**

The following Standards and Performance Measures are guides to improving healthcare outcomes for PLWH throughout the State of Texas within the Ryan White Part B and State Services Program.

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<td>Percentage of clients accessing child care services that have documentation in the client’s primary record of the medical appointment, related appointment, or RWHAP-related meeting, group, or training session attended.</td>
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Documentation in the client’s primary record must reflect the appointment and/or meeting/group/training session attended.
References


HRSA Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Services: Eligible Individuals & Allowable Uses of Funds Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02 (Revised 10/22/18). Located at: https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/program-grants-management/ServiceCategoryPCN_16-02Final.pdf