



The Health Resources and Services Administration's Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) provides a comprehensive system of HIV primary medical care, medications, and essential support services for low-income people with HIV. More than half the people with diagnosed HIV in the United States—approximately 519,000 people in 2018—received services through RWHAP. The RWHAP funds grants to states, cities/counties, and local community-based organizations to provide care and treatment services to people with HIV to improve health outcomes and reduce HIV transmission among hard-to-reach populations. The RWHAP, first authorized in 1990, was funded at \$2.3 billion in fiscal year (FY) 2019.

Funds from all Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients may support the provision of oral health services. However, two programs under RWHAP Part F specifically focus on funding oral healthcare for people with HIV:

- ▶ The Dental Reimbursement Program (DRP)
- ▶ Community-Based Dental Partnership Program (CBDPP)

These programs fund oral health services, as well as education and training of oral health providers.

RECIPIENTS AND ELIGIBILITY

The recipients of the DRP and CBDPP are dental education programs seeking to improve their response to the HIV epidemic in their area. Eligible applicants for both the DRP and the CBDPP are institutions that have dental or dental hygiene education programs accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation. These could include—

- ▶ Dental schools
- ▶ Hospitals with postdoctoral dental residency programs
- ▶ Community colleges with dental hygiene programs

DENTAL REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

First funded in 1994, the DRP expands access to oral healthcare for people with HIV while training additional dental and dental hygiene providers.

To achieve its goal, DRP provides reimbursements to accredited dental schools, schools of dental hygiene, and postdoctoral dental education programs.

COMMUNITY-BASED DENTAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION

First funded in 2002, the CBDPP increases access to oral healthcare for people with HIV, providing education and clinical training for dental care providers, especially those practicing in community-based settings.

To achieve its goal, CBDPP works through multipartner collaborations between dental and dental hygiene education programs and community-based dentists and dental clinics. Community-based program partners and consumers help design programs and assess their impact.

FUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Approximately \$13.1 million was appropriated to RWHAP Part F Dental Programs in FY 2020.