

HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUM & COST SHARING ASSISTANCE STANDARDS OF CARE

HRSA DEFINITION

The provision of financial assistance for eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes premium payments, risk pools, co-payments, and deductibles.

DSHS DEFINITION

A program of financial assistance for eligible individuals living with HIV to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program. This includes premium payments, co-payments, and deductibles.

LOCAL DEFINITION

A program of financial assistance for eligible individuals with HIV disease to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program.

GOAL

Provide financial assistance for eligible HIV+ patients to maintain a continuity of health insurance or to receive medical benefits under a health insurance program.

REGIONAL SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

STANDARD OF CARE

The agency shall:

- Ensure it maintains documented proof of clients' current income and insurance, including Medicare and Medicaid.
- Ensure staff obtains a working knowledge of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) insurance program, and various government, public, and private insurance and medication assistance programs, including eligibility requirements, benefits, applicable deductibles and co-pays. Some examples of government programs include ADAP, SPAP, Medicare and Medicaid.

OUTCOME OBJECTIVES

UNIT OF SERVICE

Units of service are determined by the Administrative Agency (Tarrant County Public Health) in accordance with guidance from Federal and State authorities.