

AIDS PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE STANDARDS OF CARE

HRSA DEFINITION

Includes local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by Part A or Part B Grantees to provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients. This assistance can be funded with Part A grant funds and/or Part B base award funds. Local pharmacy assistance programs are not funded with ADAP earmark funding.

GOAL

Supplement the number of medications available to patients.

REGIONAL SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. Providers must follow a Medication / Drug formulary for medication payments provided from this funding. Formularies must be approved by the Administrative Agency and Planning Council.
2. Within 90 days, clients receiving payment for medications provided from this program must provide documentation of being determined ineligible, with cause, for other medication assistance programs (Medicare Part D, State Pharmacy Assistance Program) to continue receiving medication co-payments.

STANDARD OF CARE

Hiring Standards

- All program staff should meet Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for staff qualifications.

Training Standards

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) Standards of Care requirements for training.

Job Performance Standards

- All program staff should abide by the DSHS Standards of Care requirements for job performance.
- Programs must ensure medications funded through the AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program are for long-term (as defined by the DSHS Standards of Care) or extended use. Medications that are for short-term (as defined by the DSHS Standards of Care) use or to carry a person until other medication programs (e.g., ADAP, health insurance, pharmaceutical assistance or other payer)



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become effective are recorded and funded through the Emergency Financial Assistance Program.

- Agencies must review program eligibility of clients bi-annually.

Reporting

- All program staff should abide by the Texas Department of State Health Services Standards of Care requirements for reporting.