



Ryan White Part B Program

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Ryan White Program

- Federally funded program that provides primary care, support services to individuals living with HIV/AIDS who have no health insurance (public or private), have insufficient health care coverage, or lack financial resources to get the care they need.
- The Ryan White Program is administered in all 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and five U.S. Pacific Territories or Associated Jurisdictions. In Tennessee, the Ryan White Part B Program is administered by the Tennessee Department of Health.
- Tennessee also receives Ryan White Part A funding. This funding is emergency assistance given to Metropolitan Areas the are most severely affected by HIV/AIDS. The two Part A locations in Tennessee are Nashville and the 13 surrounding counties and Shelby, Fayette, and Tipton Counties. Part A is administered by Davidson and Shelby County governments.
- Primary function is to provide medication to HIV positive residents to enable them to become virally suppressed.

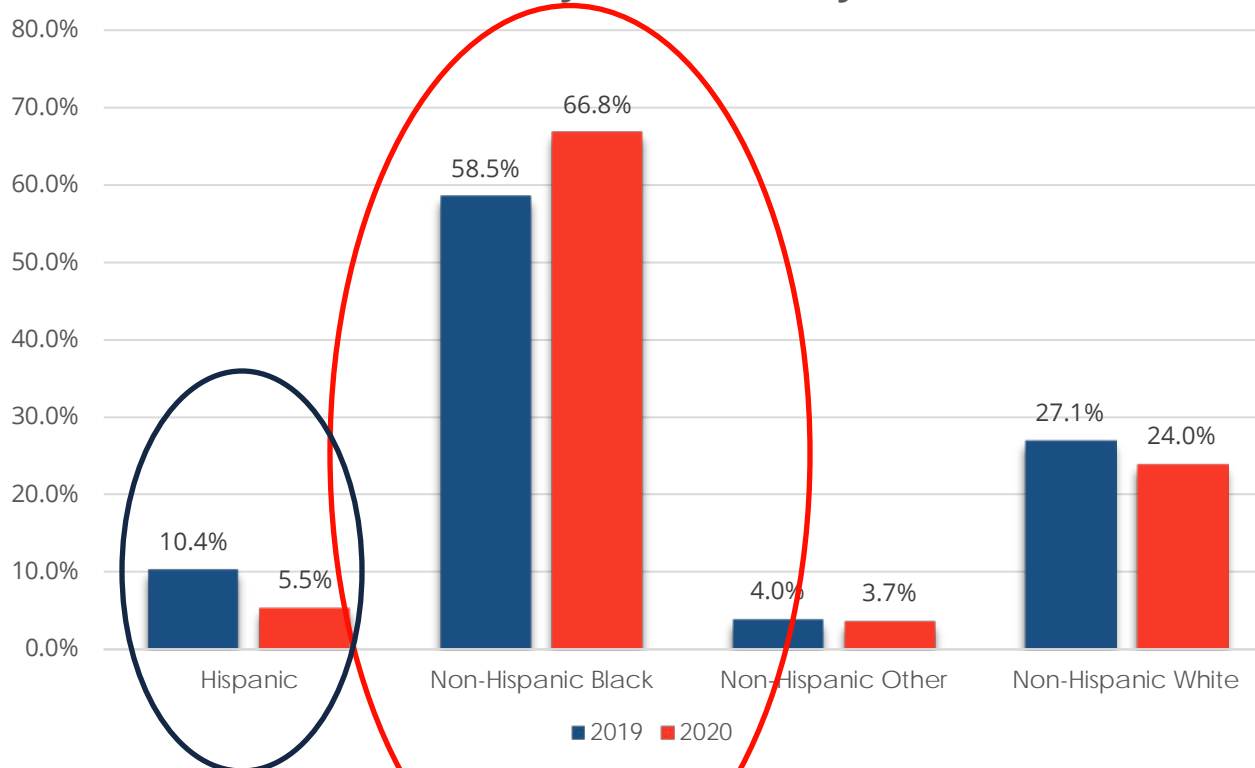
Ending the HIV Epidemic

To end HIV epidemic, we
must address health
disparities

Importance of Ryan White for Minorities

In 2020, Blacks accounted for 15.8% of the population of Tennessee, but accounted for 66.8% of newly diagnosed HIV Cases.

13-34 Year Olds Newly Diagnosed with HIV in Tennessee by Race/Ethnicity



Tennessee Minority HIV Snapshot

- In 2020:
 - 651 newly diagnosed cases of HIV
 - 19,214 people living with HIV in Tennessee
- New Minority HIV Diagnosis in 2020:
 - 308 Non- Hispanic, black males newly diagnosed with HIV
 - 37 Hispanic males newly diagnosed with HIV
 - 62 Non- Hispanic, Black females newly diagnosed with HIV
 - 10 Hispanic females newly diagnosed with HIV
- Minorities Living with HIV in 2020:
 - 7,278 Non- Hispanic, black males living with HIV
 - 811 Hispanic males living with HIV
 - 3,127 Non- Hispanic, Black females living with HIV
 - 209 Hispanic females living with HIV
- **It is believed that 15% of Tennesseans are unaware they have HIV**

Important Fact

It's a fact...

U = U

Undetectable = Untransmittable

“A person living with HIV, who is on effective treatment and has an undetectable viral load, **WILL NOT** transmit HIV to their sexual partners.”

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Ryan White Part B Program

- The program currently serves 9,300 of the 19,000 residents living with HIV in Tennessee.
 - Eligibility Determination
 - ✓ Tennessee residents
 - ✓ Diagnosed with HIV/AIDS
 - ✓ Income that falls at or below 400% of the current Federal Poverty Level
- The program works with over 33 Health Department, Hospital and Community Based Organization across Tennessee
- The program works directly with 93 Medical and Non-Medical Case managers
- All clients in the program are case managed to ensure they receive a tailored care plan.

Barrier to HIV Diagnosis and Care for Minorities

- “Scientific advances have transformed the course of HIV in individuals. To transform the course of the epidemic, we need to expand care and prevention strategically to those who need it most,” said NIDA Director Nora D. Volkow, M.D
- Stigma, discrimination, and bias by healthcare providers have been identified as major barriers to care. These barriers disproportionately affect marginalized racial groups, people who use drugs, and sexual and gender minorities.

Ryan White Part B Programs Resources

- Programs
 - AIDS Drug Assistance program –Provides no cost HIV medication
 - Insurance Assistance Program-Provides financial support with health insurance Premiums and Copays
 - Medical Services Program-Provides Outpatient services for clients without insurance
 - Oral Health Program-Provides up to \$600 for dental services
 - Corrections Navigation-Provides linkage to clients transitioning from incarceration
 - Minority AIDS Initiative-Linkage to care for hard-to-reach minorities

Ryan White Part B Services

- **Early Intervention Services(EIS)** - Targeted HIV testing to help the unaware learn of their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be HIV- infected.
- **Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)** - Short-term emergency financial assistance to individuals with HIV/AIDS for utilities (gas, electricity, water and sewer).
- **Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals** - Provides nutritional food and personal hygiene items to enhance a person's health status.
- **Housing** - Provides limited short-term assistance to support emergency, temporary, or transitional housing to enable an individual or family to gain or maintain outpatient/ambulatory health services.
- **Oral Health Care** - Provide outpatient diagnostic, preventive, and therapeutic services.

Other Ryan White Part B Services

- **Medical Transportation** - Nonemergency transportation services that enables an eligible individual to access or be retained in core medical and support services.
- **Mental Health Services** - Outpatient psychological and psychiatric screening, assessment, diagnosis, treatment, and counseling services offered to individuals living with HIV.
- **Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services** - Provide diagnostic and therapeutic-related activities directly to an individual by a licensed healthcare provider in an outpatient medical setting.
- **Substance Abuse Outpatient Care** - Outpatient services for the treatment of drug or alcohol use disorders.

Way Ahead

- **Thinking Outside the box!!**
- Information campaign
 - Ensure health care organizations are aware of the program and available resources
 - Provide briefings on request
- Rural health engagement
 - Addressing the barriers in rural communities throughout Tennessee
- Partnership
 - Develop relationships with community members and organizations to ensure continuity of services across Tennessee

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Questions

