

A Quarterly Insight Into the HIV Services Provided in the Atlanta EMA



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For information regarding navigators in Georgia:

<http://www.seedco.org/healthcare-access/georgia/>

<http://www.fcs.uga.edu/hace/navigator.html>

Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Ryan White: Six Ways to Prepare Consumers

The TARGET Center lists six steps that Ryan White Clients can take to prepare for ACA and would be beneficial for Georgians that use Ryan White:

- 1. Get Involved in Planning**
-Seek out planning/ advisory activities in your state, such as Ryan White planning groups that are involved in ACA implementation.
- 2. Learn About Insurance**
-Learn health insurance basics (<https://www.healthcare.gov/families/>) and ask questions about what's going on with health insurance in your state.
- 3. Understand Reform**
-Understand the ACA and how it affects people with HIV/AIDS.
- 4. Ask About Changes in Your Care**
-Ask about any possible changes in your care from your primary care provider, case manager or benefit counselor.
- 5. Find New Coverage Options**
-Marketplaces opened for enrollment October 1, 2013 and opens for business in January 2014. Explore your options for coverage.
- 6. Get Organized**
-Use resources at <https://www.healthcare.gov/>, about how insurance works, how to budget, and keep your records.

FULTON COUNTY

Ryan White Part A

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

IN +CARE CAMPAIGN IN ATLANTA

There are four performance measures under the campaign that focus on gaps in medical care (INC01), the frequency of on-going patient medical visits (INC02), newly enrolled clients (INC03) and viral load suppression (INC04).

Next submission dates for In+CARE by measurement year:

12/2/2013 10/01/2012 – 09/30/2013

2/1/2014 12/01/2012 – 11/30/2013

Below are IN + CARE measure percentage values for provider sites of the Atlanta EMA determined by the indicated formulas:

April '13	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	Site E	Site F	Site G	Site H	Site L	Site N	State Avg.	National Avg.
INC01	N/A	N/A	14.00%	11.00%	10.00%	11.00%	12.00%	N/A	9.00%	4.00%	17.00%	13.00%
INC02	N/A	N/A	63.00%	74.00%	70.00%	81.00%	69.00%	N/A	62.00%	87.00%	63.00%	70.00%
INC03	N/A	N/A	50.00%	68.00%	N/A	76.00%	56.00%	N/A	33.00%	83.00%	62.00%	61.00%
INC04	N/A	N/A	68.00%	76.00%	28.00%	78.00%	70.00%	N/A	45.00%	81.00%	66.00%	74.00%

June '13	Site A	Site B	Site C	Site D	Site E	Site F	Site G	Site H	Site L	Site N	State Avg.	National Avg.
INC01	N/A	N/A	12.00%	10.00%	10.00%	8.00%	11.00%	N/A	2.00%	4.00%	12.00%	13.00%
INC02	N/A	N/A	65.00%	74.00%	72.00%	84.00%	71.00%	N/A	70.00%	89.00%	69.00%	69.00%
INC03	68.00%	49.00%	66.00%	72.00%	61.00%	76.00%	74.00%	52.00%	87.00%	61.00%	57.00%	51.00%
INC04	N/A	N/A	68.00%	75.00%	11.00%	79.00%	69.00%	N/A	67.00%	82.00%	48.00%	71.00%

INC01= Total patients that had no medical visits with a provider in the last 6 months of the measurement year / the number of patients who have had at least one medical visit with a provider in the first 6 months.

INC02= The number of patients that have had at least one medical visit within each 6 month period of the 24 month measurement period with at least 60 days between their first medical visit of the first 6 months and the medical visit of the following 6 months / the number of patients who have had at least one medical visit with a provider in the first 6 months of the 24 month measurement period.

INC03 = The number of patients with at least one medical visit in each 4 month period of the measurement year / the number of patients who were newly enrolled with a provider AND had at least one medical visit within the first 4 months of the measurement year.

INC04= The number of patients with a viral load of less than 200 copies per mL at their last viral load test in the measurement year / the number of patients with at least one medical visit with a provider.

*provider =one with prescribing privileges

Fulton County Ryan White Part A HAB/HRSA MEASURES

To ensure that Quality Management measures are examined effectively, two HAB/HRSA measures from each Group will be selected to reflect the progress or areas for improvement at each primary care site. Each measure selected will include a small explanation for the basis of that measure.

Announcements and Resources

You can now find previous newsletters and other Fulton County Ryan White Program and SEATEC documents at:

<http://www.seatec.emory.edu/resources/fultoncounty.html>

National Quality Center

<http://nationalqualitycenter.org>

ACA Resources

Kaiser Family Foundation <http://kff.org/health-reform/>

HRSA <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/ga.html>

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HRSA/HAB

<http://hab.hrsa.gov/special/qualitycare.htm>

TARGET Cancer Technical Assistance

<http://www.careacttarget.org>

Fulton County Ryan White Part A HAB/HRSA MEASURES CAREWare Data

GROUP 1 MEASURES: Serve as a foundation on which to build, especially if a clinical program has no performance measures.

Performance Measure	Percentage of pregnant women prescribed ART	Percentage with >=200 CD4 Counts	AIDS Clients on HAART	Two Primary Care visits >= 3mos Apart	CD4<200 with PCP prophylaxis
Site A	0.0%	66.9%	46.1%	68.8%	0.0%
Site B	0.0%	77.7%	94.1%	83.1%	83.3%
Site C	0.0%	77.9%	89.8%	84.9%	40.0%
Site D	100.0%	85.9%	96.2%	89.8%	72.6%
Site E	0.0%	31.0%	28.9%	92.6%	14.8%
Site F	100.0%	80.8%	98.5%	90.8%	98.4%
Site G	0.0%	55.5%	98.5%	80.8%	41.4%
Site H	0.0%	69.2%	77.8%	75.8%	88.9%
Site L	0.0%	74.3%	89.5%	90.5%	54.8%
Site N	100.0%	83.3%	98.3%	90.5%	88.1%
Total %	100.0%	61.6%	49.8%	81.2%	27.9%

GROUP 2 MEASURES: Important measures for a robust clinical management program and should be seriously considered.

Performance Measure	Fulton County									
	Adherence Assessment	Cervical Cancer Screening	Hepatitis B Vaccination	Hepatitis C Screening	HIV risk counseling	Lipid Screening	Oral Exam	Syphilis Screening	TB Screening	
Site A	0.0%	24.6%	9.2%	70.7%	96.9%	86.8%	16.7%	55.0%	47.3%	
Site B	67.8%	55.6%	0.8%	95.7%	98.2%	96.9%	17.1%	96.6%	84.4%	
Site C	32.1%	51.9%	38.0%	94.4%	99.6%	74.2%	25.7%	94.9%	71.1%	
Site D	0.0%	56.6%	56.9%	96.3%	57.5%	73.7%	10.3%	80.0%	61.8%	
Site E	48.2%	0.0%	0.0%	60.9%	96.2%	0.0%	38.6%	39.8%	92.6%	
Site F	89.3%	52.9%	40.6%	94.9%	97.5%	50.5%	8.9%	86.3%	93.5%	
Site G	12.4%	11.8%	26.0%	73.2%	98.7%	57.3%	0.0%	62.0%	87.9%	
Site H	29.1%	43.9%	10.0%	94.0%	67.7%	0.0%	33.1%	75.7%	85.4%	
Site L	0.0%	31.8%	27.7%	73.1%	98.6%	89.9%	16.8%	79.7%	71.6%	
Site N	37.3%	41.9%	71.9%	95.4%	98.8%	86.5%	23.2%	87.7%	96.8%	
Total %	35.8%	28.5%	10.4%	74.5%	93.7%	59.8%	25.4%	59.9%	82.5%	

GROUP 3 MEASURES: Represent areas of care that are considered "best practice," but may lack written clinical guidelines or rely on data that are difficult to collect. ***

Performance Measure	Chlamydia Screening	Gonorrhea Screening	Hepatitis B Screening	Influenza vaccination	MAC prophylaxis	Mental Health Screening	Pneumococcal Vaccination	Substance Use Screening	Medical Case Management	Toxoplasma Screening
Site A	14.2%	12.5%	79.4%	13.6%	0.0%	97.4%	30.8%	97.0%	0.0%	44.3%
Site B	25.5%	25.5%	84.2%	39.1%	100.0%	75.0%	46.8%	58.3%	75.5%	86.2%
Site C	16.1%	87.7%	87.4%	38.1%	37.5%	100.0%	82.7%	100.0%	35.1%	53.3%
Site D	64.4%	64.4%	92.1%	44.9%	38.5%	83.4%	69.2%	76.6%	N/A	89.5%
Site E	41.2%	40.6%	54.7%	0.0%	49.2%	93.5%	0.0%	92.6%	68.8%	0.0%
Site F	83.4%	83.4%	91.6%	25.0%	88.9%	92.4%	80.9%	92.4%	75.0%	93.1%
Site G	73.3%	62.3%	64.9%	51.1%	14.9%	98.3%	79.4%	97.8%	0.0%	39.9%
Site H	59.8%	59.8%	87.0%	38.9%	0.0%	85.2%	37.3%	85.9%	9.4%	17.9%
Site L	79.3%	79.3%	84.7%	26.9%	50.0%	100.0%	49.1%	100.0%	N/A	3.9%
Site N	89.7%	89.7%	95.5%	43.8%	65.2%	96.9%	85.1%	96.9%	70.6%	93.2%
Total %	45.4%	51.2%	68.8%	20.0%	44.7%	92.8%	42.3%	91.3%	62.7%	31.3%

**All data pulled from RW CAREWare on October 17, 2013 and reflects data for the year prior, through July 31, 2013.

***N/A = Sites are not currently collecting this variable and do not have data available.

- ◆ **By the Numbers:** Uninsured Georgians who are eligible for coverage through the Marketplace by HHS (<http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/facts/bystate/ga.html>):
 - 1,698,881 (20%) are uninsured and eligible
 - 1,167,899 (69%) have a full-time worker in the family
 - 671,466 (40%) are 19-34 years old
 - 789,989 (47%) are White
 - 630,791 (37%) are African American
 - 172,811 (10%) are Latino/Hispanic
 - 70,895 (4%) are Asian American or Pacific Islander
 - 905,417 (53%) are male

TIMELINE



ACA, Georgia, and People Living with HIV/AIDS

Five health insurance carriers are offering 68 plans for Georgia in 2014: Alliant, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Humana, Kaiser Foundation, and Peach State. Under ACA, all plans must cover: medical visits, emergency care, hospitalizations, maternity / baby, mental health, prescriptions, rehabilitative and habilitative care, laboratory services, preventive care and chronic disease management, and pediatric care, including dental and vision.

According to the CDC, fewer than one in five (17%) people living with HIV has private insurance and nearly 30% do not have any coverage. For people who have been locked out of the insurance market because of their health status, including those living with HIV/AIDS, the law created the Pre-existing Condition Insurance Plan. More than 90,000 people—some of whom are living with HIV or AIDS—have enrolled in this pro-

gram, which has helped change lives and, in many cases, save them.

The Affordable Care Act also broadens Medicaid eligibility to generally include individuals with income below 133% of the Federal poverty line (\$14,400 for an individual and \$29,300 for a family of 4), including single adults without children who were previously not generally eligible for Medicaid. As a result, in many states, a person living with HIV who meets this income threshold will no longer have to wait for an AIDS diagnosis in order to become eligible for Medicaid. Georgia is not expanding Medicaid under ACA, but individuals in need are encouraged to apply and see if they qualify for coverage.

Additionally, technical assistance efforts are helping health centers not currently providing HIV care develop the capacity to do so, especially in minority communities. These include the National Center for HIV Care in Minority Communi-

ties that is expanding HIV/AIDS care and treatment within highly impacted communities of color. This program will increase access to care by developing the capacity of health centers that are not directly funded by Ryan White. Another effort underway to expand the capacity of health centers to deliver culturally competent care to populations heavily impacted by HIV is the National LGBT Health Education Center funded by HRSA. This organization will provide training, technical assistance and consultations for organizations nationally.

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