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**General Demographics:** The Atlanta Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) is comprised of 20 counties: Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton. The EMA population is currently estimated at 5,348,473 persons, comprising 54% of Georgia's population. Viewed by race category, the EMA population is comprised by 58% White, 34% African-American, 6% Asian and 2% persons of other races. Eleven percent of EMA residents are of Hispanic/Latino ethnicity. Approximately 58% / 1,823,012 of African Americans, 63% / 574,947 of Hispanics, and 46% / 814,957 of persons living below the poverty level in Georgia reside in the EMA. Approximately 66% / 3,538,347 of the EMA population reside in five of Georgia's most highly populated counties: Fulton (984,293), Gwinnett (859,304), Cobb (717,190), DeKalb (713,340), and Clayton (264,220).

**HIV/AIDS Population Demographics:** Georgia had the 6<sup>th</sup> highest number of AIDS cases among states in the U.S. through 2011. In Georgia there have been 76,363 cases of all stages of HIV infection reported through December 2013. In the Atlanta EMA there have been 51,992 cases of HIV infection reported through December 2013 (68% of all Georgia cases), an 11% increase since 2011. A subtotal of these (35,560) was living at the end of 2013. Of the 35,560, 68% were classified as AIDS. In 2013 Ryan White Part A funded sites provided services to 13,626 clients which is an increase of 4% from 2012. In the EMA 72% of newly diagnosed cases in 2013 with racial and ethnic origin was reported as African Americans, a proportion that has remained consistent since 2011. African Americans comprised 78% of the clients at Ryan White Part A funded sites; Whites comprised 19% and Hispanics only 5%. African Americans account for 58% of males and females account for 75% in the EMA.

**Geography:** While the majority of service providers are located in two EMA counties (Fulton and DeKalb) with the highest number of HIV cases, HIV/AIDS core and support services are geographically dispersed and accessible to HIV/AIDS clients throughout the EMA.

**The Continuum of Care:** The EMA served 13,626 Ryan White Part A clients during 2013. The EMA is requesting only \$23,442,079 in Part A funds. This funding helps support the continuum of care through a comprehensive range of core services including: 1) outpatient primary care provided by physicians and mid-level providers through 10 main healthcare facilities and 4 satellite clinics; 2) preventative and restorative oral health; 3) local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance program; 4) health insurance programs 5) medical case management services 6) mental health services and medications; 7) substance abuse counseling. Other essential support services which facilitate primary care access and retention include: peer support and counseling, medical transportation, legal assistance, food, and childcare. These various core and support services are often co-located within the primary care facilities.

**Number of years the EMA has received Part A Funding:** The EMA has received Part A funding for 24 years, and has been awarded MAI funding for the past 14 years.