



## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE: PPPN-020 ENGAGEMENT IN OAHS**

**Summary and Purpose of PPN:** To guide the administration of the Ryan White Part A Program to ensure access to OAHS to facilitate improved health outcomes.

### **Authority:**

- Fulton County Ryan White Part A Contract/Amendment

### **Policy and Procedure:**

The Ryan White Program is intended to facilitate improved health outcomes for persons living with HIV. Toward this end, it is locally required that all individuals be enrolled in outpatient/ambulatory medical care.

1. Subrecipients must maintain documentation that a client is receiving Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (it is not necessary for the OAHS to be provided via a Ryan White-funded provider).
2. If a client is not currently enrolled in primary care, particularly new clients requesting medical case management, mental health or substance abuse treatment services, documentation is required in the agency record of the client's service plan and timeline for enrollment in primary care. This documentation must be obtained within three months of the client's first visit.
  - A. A client not receiving OAHS may receive Medical Case Management, Substance Abuse Services, Mental Health Services, Patient or Peer Navigation and Medical Transportation Services for a period not to exceed six months while staff work to stabilize the client to the point where he/she is ready for OAHS.
    - i. The agency must have on file an individualized service plan to prepare the client for enrollment in OAHS.
    - ii. At the end of 6 months if the client is not receiving OAHS the agency must terminate services to the client.
  - B. With the exception of those services listed in Section A above, clients not enrolled in OAHS are ineligible to receive other Ryan White Part A services.

### **Verification:**

- Review client charts.

**Approved: June 2016**

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