



POLICY AND PROCEDURE NOTICE: PPPN-039 SAME SEX SPOUSES, MARRIAGES AND HOUSEHOLDS

Summary and Purpose of PPN: To guide the administration of the Ryan White Part A Program in determining eligibility for Ryan White Part A services.

Authority:

- HRSA Notice of Award

Policy and Procedures:

In any grant related activity in which family, marital, or household considerations are, by statute or regulation, relevant for purposes of determining beneficiary eligibility or participation, subrecipients must treat same sex spouses, marriages, and households on the same terms as opposite sex spouses, marriages, and households, respectively.

By "same sex spouses", HHS means individuals of the same sex who have entered into marriages that are valid in the jurisdiction where performed, including any of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, or a U.S. territory or in a foreign country, regardless of whether or not the couple resides in a jurisdiction that recognizes same sex marriage.

By "marriage," HHS does not mean registered domestic partnerships, civil unions or similar formal relationships recognized under the law of the jurisdiction of celebration as something other than a marriage.

1. Subrecipients must develop a policy addressing these requirements and share with all intake/eligibility staff.

Verification

- Review subrecipient policy and evidence of staff notification of policy.
- Review eligibility documents.

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