



SAN FRANCISCO HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL
San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties

**Eligibility Criteria, Severe Need,
and Special Populations Definition**

Eligibility

The following is the eligibility criteria for Ryan White Programs Part A and B funded services in the San Francisco EMA. To receive services, an individual must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Be HIV positive. For some family services, such as childcare, there must be an HIV positive family member.
- Live in the EMA where they are accessing services.
- Be uninsured or underinsured for the service being provided.
- Have a low income, defined as an annual federal adjusted gross income equal to or less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which for 2015 is **\$47,080** for one person.

Severe Need

The following is to define severe need and special populations for the purposes of prioritizing and targeting Ryan White funded services.

To be in the “severe need” category, an individual must meet all of the following criteria:

- Disabled by HIV/AIDS or with symptomatic HIV diagnosis
- Active substance abuse or mental illness
- Poverty, defined as an annual federal adjusted gross income equal to or less than 150% of FPL (Federal Poverty Line), which for 2015 is **\$17,655** for one person or **\$23,895** for two people.

Special Populations

The Council recognizes special populations which have unique or disproportionate barriers to care. They need additional or unique services, or require a special level of expertise to maintain them in care. The following populations were identified, based on the data that has been presented to the Council:

- Transgender individuals
- Populations with the lowest rates of use of ART (Antiretroviral Therapy).
- Communities with linguistic or cultural barriers to care. The Council included undocumented individuals in this category, as well as monolingual Spanish speakers.
- Individuals who are being released from incarceration in jails or prisons, or who have a recent criminal justice history.
- Persons living with HIV age 60 years or older.