

TRACKER: 2027 Service Descriptions

	2027	*Dates subject to change		
	Service Definition	Assigned to	Scheduled for *	DONE
1	AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance	MCSC	Sept	☐
2	Outpatient Ambulatory Health Services	MCSC	Sept	☐
3	Emergency Financial Assistance	C&T	Sept	☐
4	Other Professional-Legal Services and Permanency Planning	C&T	Sept	☐
5	Housing	C&T	Sept	☐
6	Psychosocial support	C&T	Sept	☐
7	Mental Health	MCSC	Oct	☐
8	Substance Abuse-Outpatient and Residential	MCSC	Oct	☐
9	Food Bank	C&T	Oct	☐
10	Medical Transportation	C&T	Oct	☐
11	Non-medical Case Management	C&T	Oct	☐
12	Medical Case Management	C&T	Oct	☐
13	Oral Health	MCSC	Nov	☐
14	Health Insurance	C&T	Nov	☐
15	Outreach	C&T	Nov	☐

Grey=Medical Care Subcommittee addresses first, then Care and Treatment

Year: **FY 2027-2028**Recommend Approval: ____ with substantive changes
____ with no substantive changes

EMERGENCY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Emergency Financial Assistance is a support service. Under the local Ryan White Part A and MAI Programs, Emergency Financial Assistance provides limited one-time or short-term provision of approved formulary HIV -related medications only, either directly or through a voucher program, while a client's eligibility for medication assistance is pending with a third-party payer. Subrecipients must be a Ryan White Part A or MAI Program-funded subrecipient also receiving AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (Local Pharmaceutical Assistance Program) funding and must have a current Public Health Service 340B certification from the federal Office of Pharmacy Affairs. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of Ryan White Part A or MAI Program funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, use and periods of time.

Services are intended to assist clients with an urgent need such as the primary household provider's loss of employment, loss of income, or a natural disaster within one of the previously mentioned components required to improve health outcomes that are associated with approved service categories, excluding clients accessing Test and Treat Rapid Access (TTRA) Medications who do not need to meet the urgent need criteria. All Emergency Financial Assistance **must** occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program. Direct cash payments to clients are **not** permitted.

Currently, these funds are restricted to **three** components: 1) limited, short-term medication support for Test and Treat Rapid Access (TTRA), 2) electric utility assistance, and 3) rental/emergency rental assistance. Funding under this service category is **limited**.

A. Test and Treat Rapid Access (TTRA) Medications

This component provides the provision of short-term access to antiretroviral medications (ARV) for clients participating in the Test and Treat / Rapid Access (TTRA) protocol. In such instances, these services would only be used when the Florida Department of Health's financial resources for ARV medications under the local TTRA protocol have been depleted and the client is not yet enrolled in ADAP. Only clients whose gross household income is at or below 400% of the Federal Poverty Level and have a pending application with a third-party payer (e.g., ADAP or private insurance) are eligible for this assistance. Emergency Financial Assistance must occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program. Direct cash payments or reimbursements to a program client are not permitted.

Medications in the TTRA protocol, as may be amended based on guidance from the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County, include:

- Biktarvy®

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TTRA
section
has been
updated

- Descovy®
- Symtuza®
- Tivicay®
- Truvada ®

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1) Follow the Perinatal HIV Clinical Guidelines (<https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/perinatal/whats-new.e>) preferred antiretroviral (ARV) drug throughout pregnancy.
- 2) Biktarvy® (bictegravir/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) may be prescribed but samples are only available for this medication through Test and Treat. As such, the Florida Department of Health cannot be invoiced for this medication.
- 3) Descovy® (emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) may be prescribed to be dispensed or use samples through Test and Treat. If samples are used, the Florida Department of Health cannot be invoiced for this medication.
- 4) Symtuza® (darunavir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide) may be prescribed, but they must use the voucher provided by Janssen Pharmaceuticals to cover the cost of this medication or use samples. If vouchers or samples are used, the Florida Department of Health cannot be invoiced for this medication.
- 5) Tivicay® (dolutegravir) may be prescribed to be dispensed through Test and Treat.
- 6) Truvada® (emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) may be prescribed to be dispensed through Test and Treat.
- 7) Should the need arise (i.e., when Florida Department of Health's TTRA medication funds are depleted) to implement this service category, the funds available under this service category may increase through the Reallocations/Sweeps process. Furthermore, if this service category is implemented, the rules under AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program) apply, except for the allowable medications which are limited to the most current, locally-approved medications for the TTRA protocol.

B. Electric Utility Assistance

Provision of this service is **limited to \$200 in a fiscal year** per eligible client. All reasonable attempts will be made to utilize any other program, e.g., Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP).

B.1. Eligibility

Only clients whose gross household income is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for Electric Utility Assistance.

C. Rental/Emergency Rental Assistance

Provision of this service is **limited to \$3,000 in a fiscal year** per eligible client. All reasonable attempts will be made to utilize any other program, e.g., Federal Emergency Management

Agency (FEMA) or EHE Housing Stability Support (HSS) services.

C.1. Eligibility

Only clients whose gross household income is at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for Rental/Emergency Rental Assistance.