

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

OTHER PROFESSION SERVICES (LEGAL SERVICES AND PERMANENCY PLANNING)

Other Professional Services (Legal Services and Permanency Planning) are support services. Other Professional Services allow for the provision of professional and consultant services rendered by members of particular professions licensed and/or qualified to offer such services by local governing authorities. Locally, this service category is limited to the provision of Legal Services and Permanency Planning to people with HIV who would not otherwise have access to these services, with the goal of maintaining clients in health care. Legal Services are available to eligible individuals with respect to powers of attorney, do-not-resuscitate orders, and interventions necessary to ensure access to eligible benefits, including discrimination or breach of confidentiality litigation as it relates to services eligible for funding under the Ryan White Program, especially but not limited to assistance with access to benefits and health care-related services.

A. Program Operation Requirements: Funds may be used to support and complement pro-bono activities.

All legal assistance under Ryan White Part A Program funding will be provided under the supervision of an attorney licensed by the Florida Bar Association. The service provider will assist eligible Ryan White Program clients with only civil HIV-related legal issues that will benefit the overall health of the client and/or the Ryan White Program care delivery system in the following service areas:

- Adoption/Guardianship Services – issues relating to preparation for custody options for legal dependents including standby guardianship, joint custody, or adoption.
- Collections/Finance – issues related to unfair or illegal actions by collection agencies related to health care debt (e.g., bankruptcy due to health care debt).
- Employment Discrimination Services – issues related to discrimination while at work, unfair terminations, unfair promotion policies, or hostile work environment as related to HIV diagnosis or status.
- Expungement Services-assist with process of record expungement as allowable under Florida law.
- Health Care Related Services – issues related to ensuring that the client is treated in a fair manner, and issues relating to breach of confidentiality by divulging HIV status or other confidential medical/income information without client consent.
- Health Insurance Services – issues related to seeking, maintaining, and purchasing

of private health insurance.

- Government Benefit Services – issues related to obtaining or retaining public benefits which the client has been denied and is eligible to receive, including but not limited to Social Security Disability and Supplemental Income Services (SSDI and SSI) benefits, Unemployment Compensation, as well as welfare appeals, and similar public/government services.
- Permanency Planning – this component helps clients/families make decisions about the placement and care of minor children after their parents/caregivers are deceased or are no longer able to care for them, including: the provision of social service counseling or legal counsel regarding the drafting of wills or delegating powers of attorney. This sub-component includes preparation of advance directives, healthcare power of attorney, durable powers of attorney, and living wills.
- Rights of the Recently Incarcerated Services – issues related to a client’s right to access and receive medical treatment upon release from a correctional institution.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Adoption/Guardianship is related to Permanency Planning under HRSA Policy Clarification Notice #16-02; however, for local tracking purposes, it has been identified as a separate billable component.
 - Adoption/Guardianship and Permanency Planning activities do not include any legal services that arrange for guardianship or adoption of children after the death of their normal caregiver. Proper planning must occur prior to the death of the client (i.e., parent/guardian).
 - Providers should demonstrate experience in providing similar services and the ability to meet the multi-lingual needs of the HIV/AIDS community.
 - HRSA’s Program Letter titled “Expungement Services for People with HIV Who Have Had Legal System Involvement,” dated June 24, 2024 (<https://ryanwhite.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/ryanwhite/grants/hrsa-hab-expungement-program-letter.pdf>), addresses the use of Ryan White funds for expungement.
- B. Rules for Reimbursement:** The unit of reimbursement for this service is *one hour (or fraction thereof)* of legal consultation and/or advocacy provided by an attorney or paralegal at a rate not to exceed \$90.00 per hour.
- C. Additional Rules for Reporting:** Monthly activity reporting for this service will be on the basis of *one hour of legal consultation and/or advocacy* provided by an attorney or paralegal. Legal Services and Permanency Planning providers must submit an annual written assurance that: 1) Ryan White Program funds are being used only for Legal

Services and Permanency Planning directly necessitated by an individual's HIV status; 2) Ryan White Program funds are not used for any criminal defense or for class action suits unrelated to access to services eligible for Ryan White Program funding; and 3) the Ryan White Program was used as the payer of last resort.

- D. Special Client Eligibility Criteria:** A Ryan White Program In Network Referral or an Out of Network Referral (a non-certified referral accompanied by all appropriate supporting documentation) is required for this service and must be updated annually. Providers must also document that program-eligible people with HIV (clients) receiving Ryan White Part A Program-funded Other Professional Services (Legal Services and Permanency Planning) are permanent residents of Miami-Dade County and have gross household incomes that do not exceed 400% of the 2027 Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- E. Additional Rules for Documentation:** Client charts must include a description of how the Legal Service or Permanency Planning services are necessitated by the individual's HIV status, the provision of services, client eligibility (Ryan White Program In Network Referral or Out of Network Referral with supporting documentation), and the hours spent in the provision of such services.