Understanding Eligibility

Remember that in CAREWare funding sources are different from contracts. Eligibility records in CAREWare link a client to a funding source, not to a contract. When creating an eligibility record, you select a funding source, not a contract. Thus, contract dates have no bearing on eligibility.

A client is considered eligible for a funding source starting on the date of the eligibility record where Is eligible = yes, and remains eligible for that funding source until the date of another eligibility record for that funding source where eligible = no. If there is no "not eligible" record, then a client is considered to be eligible forever.

A client is considered "Eligible for Ryan White", if any of her eligibility records have a funding source that is CARE Act Funded (as shown on the funding source list). Again, note that eligibility does not consider contracts at all; only funding sources.

In your example above, when the eligibility record was entered for the funding source County Partial Funding for Outpatient Services, the client was not RW eligible, because that funding source is not CARE Act Funded. Once you added another eligibility record tied to the CARE Act Funded source, the client was deemed RW Eligible. If you added another eligibility record for eligible = no (with yesterday's date), then the client would again be labeled not eligible for Ryan White (as of today).

Also note that if you want to make a client not eligible, you must enter a not eligibility record for each RW funded source the client has.

For example, let's say you enter two eligibility records for a client - one for Part A and one for Part B (both RW Funded) with eligibility = yes, with a date of 1/1/2015. If you enter an eligibility = no for Part B on 7/1/2015, the client would still be RW Eligible, because the client still has the Part A funded eligibility. If you then enter an eligibility = no for Part A on 8/1/2015, then as of that date he will be not eligible, because he has no eligibility records for RW funded sources.

For the RSR, a client must meet 2 criteria:

1. They must be RW eligible at some time during the reporting period
2. They must have at least 1 service for which the provider is RW funded at the time of the service (regardless of how that service is paid for).

Though they are related, these are <u>separate criteria;</u> eligibility is not connected to contracts, so a client can be RW eligible in a given year even if there are no RW contracts for that year. Services, however, are connected to contracts. So that client, even though he is RW eligible, would not be included in the RSR. The client would have no qualifying RW funded services, because there are no RW funded contracts in the report year.