

Understanding the Policy Clarification Notice (PCN) #16-02

Policy clarification notice (PCN) #16-02 provides information regarding Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) client eligibility and program guidance for allowable service categories. It clarifies service category definitions, aligning them across HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) documents and activities. This document summarizes the changes that may affect your data management and reporting practices. For a full description of service category definitions and changes, see the [published PCN](#). You can also view [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

This PCN is effective for RWHAP Parts A, B, C, D, and F awards issued on or after October 1, 2016 and affects RSR reporting for 2017.

New Category

The PCN introduces a new support service category, **Other Professional Services**, defined as professional and consultant services rendered by members of particular professions licensed and/or qualified to offer such services by local governing authorities. Services may include but are not limited to legal services, permanency planning and income tax preparation for clients receiving premium tax credits (see "Other Professional Services" in the PCN).

Consolidation of Services

Four services have been consolidated into other services, meaning that providers can no longer report the services in the Ryan White Services Report (RSR). Instead, these services will need to be remapped to new service categories.

Legal Services was previously reported as a support service and should now be reported as Other Professional Services (see "Other Professional Services" in the PCN).

Permanency Planning was previously reported as a support service and should now be reported as Other Professional Services (see "Other Professional Services" in the PCN).

Pediatric Developmental Assessment/Early Intervention Services was previously reported as a support service. Pediatric Developmental Assessment should now be reported as Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS). Early Intervention Services is a core medical service (see pages 7 and 9 in PCN).

Treatment Adherence Services provided during an OAHS visit should be reported under the OAHS category whereas Treatment Adherence Services provided during a Medical Case Management visit should be reported in the Medical Case Management service category. Treatment Adherence Services can no longer be reported as a separate service category (see "Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services" and "Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services" in the PCN).

Other Changes that Don't Directly Affect Reporting

- Minor service category name changes such as Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care (OAMC) to Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services (OAHS)
- Use of Ryan White funding by Part for different service categories such as AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance and Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing
- Client eligibility criteria for multiple services including Home and Community-Based Health Services, Hospice Services, and Home Care

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