

Information about the HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs

The following is important information.

You need to know about your rights and responsibilities if you apply and are determined eligible for the services offered by the Department of Health's HIV/AIDS Patient Care Program.

The information you give on the application must be true and correct to the best of your knowledge. If you give information that is not true or if you withhold information and receive services that you are not eligible to receive, you can be lawfully punished for fraud. You may also have to pay the Department of Health back for the services you receive under these circumstances.

The information you give about your income and family situation may be checked, including computer matches. You must agree to let the Department of Health's eligibility staff obtain needed information to make a determination of eligibility.

The Department of Health eligibility staff cannot discriminate because of race, color, sex, age, disability, religion, nationality or political beliefs.

You can ask for a fair hearing if you think the decision made on your eligibility is unfair or incorrect.

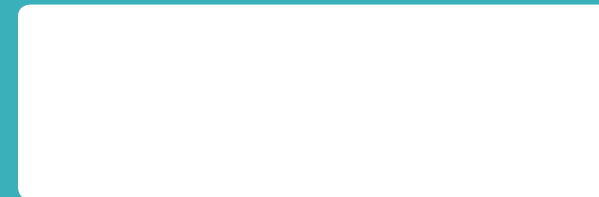
PLEASE READ THIS BROCHURE CAREFULLY BEFORE YOU COMPLETE THE APPLICATION.

Florida Department of Health
HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs

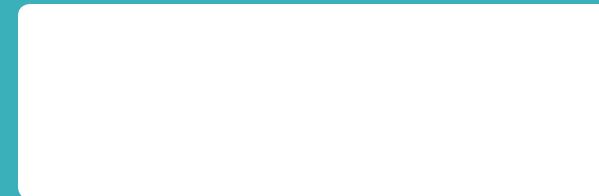
Core Eligibility Requirements

Follow the instructions, **UbX'gi Va]iithe completed Udd']WU]cb'** to the address below:

- Please look over your application before submitting it.
- Include all your documentation to avoid delays in the processing.
- All of your questions will be answered during your scheduled interview.



Call this local number if you need help in completing the application:



Contact your local county health department or call 1-800-FLA-AIDS (1-800-352-2437) for the closest location to apply.

Health Care and Support Services Available for Floridians in Need

- Ryan White Part B Consortia and other HIV/AIDS Programs
- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- ADAP Premium Plus (Insurance Services)
- State Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)



Eligibility

Requirement Questions

What are the eligibility requirements?

- You have to be HIV positive.
- You must be living in Florida.
- You cannot be receiving the same services from Medicaid, Project AIDS Care or Insurance.
- You have to be low-income – at or below 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

What services are covered?

- Doctor visits
- Dental
- Transportation
- Health Insurance Premiums
- Case Management
- Prescriptions
- Housing
- Other Support Services

If I am determined eligible, can I receive all these services?

Not necessarily. The services have to be available and funded. In addition, there are program qualifications to participate in the following single service programs:

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- ADAP Premium Plus (Insurance Services)
- State Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)

What are program qualifications?

Program qualifications are specific requirements for enrollment in one of the following single service programs. For example:

- ADAP requires a prescription on the drug formulary.
- ADAP Premium Plus requires a health insurance policy.
- HOPWA requires 80 percent of the median area income, which may be less restrictive than the 400 percent.

But don't worry. If you do not meet these program qualifications, your eligibility status still allows you to receive these services from other HIV/AIDS Patient Care Programs, if available and funded.

What documentation is required?

There are several documents you must provide.

Part 1: Proof of HIV Status - Original or copy of an HIV laboratory test that shows your HIV status. Do not bring a doctor's statement.

Part 2: Proof of living in Florida. Bring photo ID, if possible.

Part 3: Bring all documents that show you have insurance, are receiving services from other programs, or have been denied, such as:

- Medicaid Card
- Medicare Card
- Project AIDS Care (PAC) Eligibility Notice
- Insurance Policy
- Public Assistance Program Award or Denial Letters
- Veterans Administration

Parts 4 & 5: Bring all that apply to show your income:

- Current Pay Stubs
- Military and Earnings Statement
- Rental and Other Income
- 1040 Form if Self Employed
- Public Assistance Award or Denial Letters

What if I don't have all the documentation?

It's okay. Include what you have or call the local office for help. Remember, having the correct information at the time of the application will quicken your eligibility determination.

What happens after I send or take in the application?

When your application and the documentation is received, you will have an eligibility interview scheduled with eligibility staff to review the application. You may be asked to submit more information.

When will I start receiving services?

Eligibility staff will give you an eligibility confirmation letter after your application is processed and approved. You will be asked to choose a case management agency to help you determine your needs and/or you may be referred to one of the single service programs for drugs, housing or insurance assistance depending on your situation.

What if I am not eligible and I don't like the decision?

You will receive a written letter explaining why you are not eligible, and you will be provided information about your right to ask for a fair hearing.