

History of Ryan White

The Ryan White Program is named after Ryan White, who was 13 when he was diagnosed with HIV after receiving a medically necessary blood transfusion in December of 1984. At the time, doctors gave him six months to live. Ryan White went on to live 5 years.

When Ryan tried to return to school, he faced incredible HIV-related discrimination. Along with his mother Jeanne White-Ginder, Ryan rallied for his right to attend school and in the process gained national attention. Soon he became a powerful voice in providing education about HIV to the public.

Ryan White died in April 1990, one month before his high school graduation. In that same year, Congress passed the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act establishing care for people living with HIV, known as the Ryan White program today.



The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program helps low-income people living with HIV.

We help you receive:

- HIV medical care
- HIV medications
- Essential support services to help you stay in HIV care



Undetectable = Untransmittable

A person living with HIV (PLWH), who is on effective treatment and has an undetectable viral load, cannot pass HIV to another person through sex.

Achieving viral suppression can also provide important health benefits to PLWH.



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residents to help end HIV



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About HIV

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to Stage 3 HIV, also known as AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome).

There is currently no cure for HIV, but treatment is effective, and people can live full and healthy lives with HIV.

HIV Transmission

HIV can be transmitted through:

- Sexual contact (anal and vaginal sex)
- Sharing injection drug equipment such as needles and syringes
- Pregnancy, birth, or breastfeeding

HIV cannot be transmitted through:

- Contact with saliva, sweat, tears, or urine of people living with HIV (PLWH)
- Hugging, kissing, shaking hands, or sharing food/utensils with PLWH
- Sharing toilet seats, towels, or swimming pools with PLWH
- Mosquitos or other insects

Tennessee Ryan White Part B Program

The Ryan White Part B Program provides primary care and support services to PLWH who have no health insurance (public or private), have insufficient health care coverage, or lack financial resources to get the care they need.



Primary function of the program is to provide medication to people living with HIV in Tennessee to improve health outcomes and to help individuals become virally suppressed. PLWH who are virally suppressed cannot pass HIV to their sexual partner(s).

The program also provides supportive services to help PLWH overcome barriers that may prevent them from engaging in HIV care and health services.

To be eligible for the program, you must:

- Be a Tennessee resident**
- Have an HIV diagnosis**
- Have an income that falls at or below 400% of the current Federal Poverty Level**

Services Available

The Ryan White Part B program can assist you with access to the following services:

- Insurance Assistance
- HIV Medication
- Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA)
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Housing
- Medical Transportation
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Substance Use Outpatient Services

