

Ryan White Program Reauthorization Update

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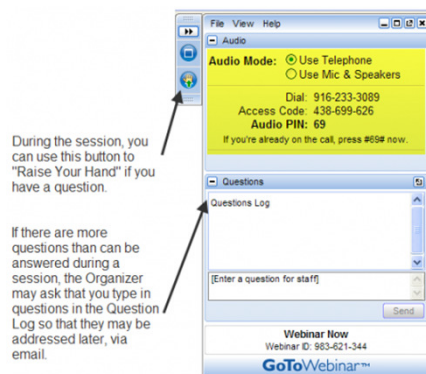
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Today's Webinar Overview

- No reauthorization for Ryan White?
 - Why not?
 - What does that mean for the Programs?
- Ryan White and the Affordable Care Act
- Visioning Ryan White in the future
 - Community process
- Ryan White funding
- How you can be involved & help

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What *is* reauthorization?

- Date imposed by Congress to review a program to make sure it still works as intended
- On the reauthorization date, laws can:
 - “sunset” (automatically cease to operate) or
 - continue to operate with no change
- Ryan White will NOT sunset in September. It will continue to operate with no change.

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No Reauthorization? Why Not?

- Reauthorization of Ryan White has been hallmark of our advocacy process and allowed Congress to show its support
- There is no sunset provision in legislation so even if Congress does not take legislative action Ryan White will continue and funding will be appropriated through annual process
 - HOPWA est. in 1992 and never reauthorized

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No Reauthorization? Why Not?

- There are several reasons we believe Ryan White will not be reauthorized in 2013
 - Logistical and political
 - Policy
- Logistical Reasons:
 - Congress is having difficulty moving any legislation through the process
 - Budget and appropriations processes taking all the time & attention

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No Reauthorization? Why Not?

- Policy Reasons:
 - Members of committees that oversee program want to better understand how the Ryan White Program will complement the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
 - Community needs to educate new members of Congress to make sure that reauthorization continues forward as a bipartisan program as it has in the past
 - At least 108 new House Members since the last reauth
 - Congressional and Administration concerns that there is not enough time on the legislative calendar



No Reauthorization? What Does That Mean?

- Programs will continue as is in FY2014 and beyond until new legislative direction
- Members of Congress will need to be educated about community process for visioning the future of Ryan White



No Reauthorization?

- The Obama Administration has indicated that they will not seek or push a reauthorization in 2013.
- Many Congressional leaders believe it is best to allow time to understand implications of ACA and its intersections with Ryan White populations, programs and services.



Ryan White & the ACA

- Implementation of health reform is not a magic bullet and will not be actualized over night
 - Systems will not be fully functioning with kinks worked out for some time
 - Not all populations or services currently provided through Ryan White will be covered
 - Gaps will not be immediately visible
 - There will still be a need for a mechanism to provide care to those unable to access health insurance as well as “wrap-around” services to cover high costs of insurance



Ryan White & the ACA

- Many unknowns with health reform implementation
 - How many states will expand Medicaid?
 - Opting out could magnify differences in care between states
 - Essential health benefits
 - How will benefits provided through ACA compare to services provided through Ryan White
 - Inclusion of Ryan White providers in insurance networks



Ryan White & the ACA

- Transition for clients and providers is huge and will take a substantial amount of time
- HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau beginning to provide clarifications and policies for transition.
- More information from HRSA and the Target Center:
 - <http://hab.hrsa.gov/affordablecareact/index.html>
 - <http://careacttarget.org/aca>

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Visioning Ryan White in Future

- Ryan White Work Group (RWWG) has robust process in place to work towards future reauthorization of legislation
- Meets monthly to:
 - share intelligence
 - discuss future of the Program
 - plan how to educate Members of Congress about essential role of Ryan White & intersections with ACA
- Has had two large in-person meetings to discuss future and determine plan to move forward
 - Meeting after All Grantees Meeting in Nov. was attended by over 90 individuals from across U.S.

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Visioning Ryan White in Future

- Ryan White Working Group has formed three subcommittees:
 - Vision and framing
 - Operationalizing the vision: breaks down into short, medium and long
 - Strategy, questions (for HRSA) and technical fixes
- Subcommittees will be meeting along via email & conference call & will report back to full committee on progress

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Visioning Ryan White in Future

- Subcommittees and full Ryan White Working Group will be developing educational materials for use in advocacy with Congress and others
 - Will lay out ongoing need for Ryan White services even with ACA
 - Provide data on effectiveness of Ryan White Program
 - Integrate HIV care continuum, getting to zero, etc. to make powerful case for Program

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Visioning Ryan White in Future

- Ryan White Working Group wants to have community move together in process and recommendations for changes to Ryan White Program
 - Similar to community consensus process in 2009 reauthorization

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What about funding?

- Reauthorization isn't moving forward, but we still need to **fight for Ryan White funding in the annual budget process**
- Washington wants to cut the budget deficit; Congress may look at Ryan White and think it duplicates health care reform
 - The Ryan White Program helps to provide “complete coverage” for people with HIV.

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2013 (this year)

- The final FY2013 continuing resolution (CR) did not include \$35 million for ADAPs and \$10 million for Part C that had been announced by President Obama on World AIDS Day 2011 and had been awarded in FY2012
- The community is aggressively advocating with the Administration to transfer this money again
- FY2013 CR also includes an across-the-board cut of 0.02%.

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2013 (this year)

- Sequestration will impact funding to Ryan White Programs
- It is unclear exactly what percentage will be cut from the programs, but safe to assume at least 5.2% cut in funding

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2014 (next year)

- President Obama released his FY2014 budget proposal last week
- The budget provides \$20 million increase for Ryan White Programs:
 - \$10 million for ADAP
 - \$10 million for Part C clinics
- The budget proposal and HRSA's budget justification includes critical language ongoing importance of Ryan White

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2014

- HRSA Budget Justification notes:

“The Ryan White Program is authorized through September 30, 2013. However, the program will continue to operate. The 2009 reauthorization or the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 (P.L. 111-87, October 30, 2009) does not include an explicit sunset clause. In the absence of a sunset clause, the program will continue to operate without a Congressional reauthorization.”

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2014

- Other language included in budget:

“It is anticipated, however, that on average coverage [provided through the ACA] will not be adequate for the care and treatment of [PLWH] due to plan limitations on the scope of coverage.”

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Funding for Ryan White – FY2014 (next year)

- The HIV community will need to work hard with Congress to ensure no additional funds are cut from Ryan White Programs in FY2014
- RWWG works with the AIDS Budget and Appropriations Coalition to advocate for increases to all Parts of Ryan White

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Get Involved

- Join the Ryan White Work Group (contact information on last slide) and/or any of the subcommittees
- Read periodic updates from RWWG and share with your communities and networks
- Take action on appropriations and other action alerts
- Reach out to Congressional offices with talking points (coming soon)
- Learn more about the ACA and what it means for your agency: www.HIVHealthReform.org
- Check out past webinars on Ryan White and ACA: <http://www.hivhealthreform.org/resources/>

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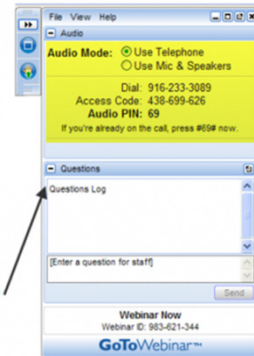
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