

Oral Health Services

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Oral Health Services funded in the Baltimore EMA

Types of Oral Health Services available under Ryan White

- Preventive – i.e. cleaning, fluoride treatment
- Diagnostic- exams, x-rays, consults
- Periodontal- scaling/root planing, full mouth debridement
- Restorative- fillings (amalgams/composite)
- Oral surgery- routine & surgical extractions
- Removable prosthodontics- full and partial dentures

Oral Health Services in the Baltimore EMA

- All populations need oral health services; oral health is a core medical services under Ryan White .
- Oral Health is a vital part of HIV medical management as specified in the Public Health Guidelines for HIV care.
- There are certain conditions that are more likely to affect people living with HIV/AIDS

The Need for Oral Health Services

- While most oral health problems can be found in people who are either HIV positive or negative, there are a few conditions that are problematic for people with HIV, especially those with advanced disease.
- These conditions are
 - Dental caries
 - Periodontal disease
 - Oral hairy leukoplakia
 - Mouth ulcers

Need for Coordinated and comprehensive care

- Need to encourage persons living with HIV to get dental exams every six months.
- Need to ensure integrated oral health with primary health care since oral health problems can adversely affect the quality of health and complicate the management of medical conditions.

Funding sources for Oral Health

- Dental Medicaid benefits for adults are limited to emergency care and some routine preventive care and fillings. Funding concentrates on infants and school aged children.
- Ryan White provides vital gap funding necessary to ensure adherence to PHS guidelines for medical care.
- Unfortunately, most patients present with little to no previous oral health care.

Oral Health Services in the Baltimore EMA- Utilization at ILF, Inc.

- Last year ILF served 1,048 persons using Ryan White funding. 95% were African American and 5% White.
- There were 3,251 visits.
- Procedures funded by Ryan White: Diagnostic – 1,532, preventive 496, prosthodontics- 868, Surgical- 1,223, Restorative -79, Periodontic-34

Lessons Learned Increasing Access to Care

- Marketing and outreach to HIV service providers
- Providing transportation
- Being person- centered since word of mouth referrals are powerful
- Working with health departments and programs conducting special health events

Lesson Learned Retention in Care

- Appointment reminders and call backs
- Drop in visit arrangements for dentures
- Using peer for staff roles
- Patient education and empowerment

Oral Health and HIV



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