

Ryan White Services at Chase Brexton (CB):

CB continues to provide comprehensive services to 2,020 HIV+ patients in mid-town Baltimore, Randallstown, Columbia and Easton. CB services are available to all.

There are three National Goals and this is how CB is helping to achieve them:

1. Reduce the Incidence of HIV: CB has an aggressive HIV testing program which has resulted in 75 newly diagnosed patients entering medical care and the opportunity to provide HIV information to over 1,800 individuals tested.
2. Increase access to care and optimize health outcomes. CB offered 156,000 medical and support services visits in 2013. The impact of Maryland's implementation of the Affordable Care Act is expected to increase the total amount of patients and visits as newly insured individuals seek medical care. The Ryan White immediate outcomes for CB are 165 newly insured Ryan White patients and 200 PAC funded patients have been transitioned to Medicaid. Relative to increasing access CB has increased capacity in Baltimore, Columbia and Easton. CB has hired an additional 9 medical providers, 2 dental providers and 12 support services providers to enhance services.

Ryan White services at CB include: medical case management, pharmacy, outreach, behavioral health (mental health and addiction services) dental services, legal services, prescription assistance, medical nutrition, The OB/GYN was formerly provided at Maryland General Hospital is now on site at the Mt. Vernon/Baltimore site increasing capacity for women. In response for more and more sophisticated data reports to government and private funding sources CB is continuing to upgrade information technology with completely securely computerized medical records and the capacity to provide accurate reports.

An additional aspect of capacity building is the effort to emphasize quality of care. CB is already certified as meeting the high standards required to by the Joint Commission accrediting agency and is in the process of meeting the new requirements of being designated a Patient Centered Medical Home. At the same time CB is participating in a new regional group focusing on Ryan White quality of services urged by Health Resources and Services Agency (HRSA) and directed by the National HIV Quality Center (HIVQUAL). The purpose of CB's participation in this regional HIV group is specifically to establish a management framework for optimizing health outcomes. For example: Viral load suppression is the major goal of HIV medical services. Accomplishing this for 85 % of HIV patients is the immediate 2014 goal. This is a huge commitment because it entails identifying patients, keeping them in care, giving support to overcome barriers to care (transportation to appointments for instance) and planning for medical and support care as patients become HIV undetectable and age into other illness possibilities. CB in cooperation from DHMH concentrates on diabetes prevention and treatment and cancer prevention programs. The medical nutrition program is especially focused on obesity and healthy eating. CB has achieved a 95% level of tobacco counseling. This is all part of the effort to optimize lifetime care for HIV-positive patients.

3. Reduce health disparities. Part of the effort to avoid discrimination in service delivery is employee orientation/training and the variety of services offered in one place, which is exactly what CB has in

place. When a newly diagnosed HIV patient enters care at CB, primary medical services are offered, along with Medical Case Management, Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Outreach, Medical Transportation, Housing and Utilities assistance, Intensive Case Management for those in danger of falling out of care and the other services. Patients under 300% of poverty are eligible for Ryan White services (up to \$35,010 for one person and up to \$71,550 for someone in a family of 4). The “one-stop” quality of CB’s services help to eliminate disparities of care.

Besides Ryan White funding under Parts A, B, and C, CB is a Federally Qualified Health Center under a federal “330” grant (330 is the section of the Public Health Act). The purpose of the 330 grant is to establish community-based health centers to provide health services to under-served areas. The final sources of revenue for maintaining services to the community are Medicaid, Medicare and private insurance.

CB is taking a long view of HIV care by providing and monitoring essential HIV medications and medical care into advanced age.

In 2014 CB anticipates a surge in patients and visits as a result of the Affordable Care Act, increased quality of care, and increased opportunity to reduce the transmission of HIV through education, testing and consistent medical care.

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