

RESPITE CARE

HRSA Description (2-1-2016)

Respite Care is the provision of periodic respite care in community or home-based settings that includes non-medical assistance designed to provide care for an HIV-positive client to relieve the primary caregiver responsible for the day-to-day care of an adult or minor living with HIV.

Key Service Components

A caregiver is defined as someone who cares for an individual living with HIV.

Activities may include:

- Providing relief to the caregiver for a brief duration of time;
- Recreational and social activities are allowable program activities as part of a respite care service provided in a licensed or certified provider setting, including drop-in centers within HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services or satellite facilities. However, funds may **not** be used for off-premise recreational and social activities, or to pay for a client's gym membership;
- Informal, home-based respite care. However, liability issues should be included in the consideration of this expenditure. Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted.

Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
If provided by an agency who provides professional respite or caregiver services, staff has the skills, experience, qualifications and licensure to provide respite care services. If the client designates a community respite care giver who is a member of his or her natural network, this designation suffices as the qualification.	Demonstrated competencies, knowledge and skills must be available upon request (e.g. participation in training, formal supervisory review, direct observation, case review, etc.).