

Greater Baltimore HIV Health Services Planning Council

Planning Council Meeting

5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Questions to Presenters

July 19, 2011

Oral Health Services

Presented by: Larry Bank, DDS, Director, Independent Living Foundation

1. Are you currently replacing dentures for new clients, or is the funding reserved for dentures in FY 2012?

Answer: Yes, dentures, if needed can be replaced now.

2. Ryan White covers more services under oral health than does Medicaid. Currently Medicaid covers dental care for children and pregnant women. How can the wonderful service that you provide be maintained under the Affordable Care Act since significant numbers of our patients will be covered by that funding mechanism?

Answer: Good question! I am not sure but maybe someone could help me understand:

- *At the present time, many clients have medical assistance, what that does not cover, Ryan White fills in the gap and is a real lifesaver.*
- *When the Affordable Care Act takes over, hopefully Ryan White will still exist in some form and it seem that the brilliant and eloquent spokespeople we have should present that oral health is a needed adjunct to the Care Act and should be maintained in some form in the revised Ryan White.*
- *If there is anything I can do or if I can go with some of the members to any hearings, please let me know- anytime, anywhere- this is too important and I don't know if the members of Congress really understand.*