

**HIV Health Services Planning Council  
Sacramento TGA**

**Policy and Procedure Manual**

**Section 4 – Bylaws and Directives**

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# **Sacramento TGA Bylaws**

## **Article I Name of Organization and Area of Service**

Section 1.1. Name: The name of this body shall be the HIV Health Services Planning Council (herein after referred to as the Council).

Section I.2. Area of Service: The transitional grant area (TGA) to be served by the Council will be Sacramento County, El Dorado County and Placer County (herein after referred to as the TGA). For the purposes of service delivery under State Office of AIDS funding, Yolo County is included.

## **Article II Authority, Purpose and Duties**

Section 2.1, Legal Authority: The Council was created by, and functions pursuant to, the requirements established in the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources and Emergency Act of 1990 (CARE Act), any amendments to that Act, and policies and procedures set by the United States Department of Health Services (DHS) through the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA). In accordance with the CARE Act, the Council is appointed by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, designated as the Chief Elected Official (CEO) for the TGA. In 1997, a policy change by the State Office of AIDS established the Council as the entity responsible for the State Office of AIDS funds planning and allocation processes for the TGA.

Section 2.2. Purpose: The purpose of the Council is to provide effective and efficient planning for the TGA to promote development of HIV/AIDS health care and support services that meet regional needs. The Council seeks to address these needs in a cost-effective manner in ways that reduce inefficiencies and redundancies. Emphasis is placed on the identification and engagement of the uninsured, underinsured, emerging afflicted population and all disenfranchised groups living with HIV.

Section 2.3, Responsible Entities: The process of applying for, receiving, and administering Parts A/B funding necessitates a collaborative relationship between three parties: the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors as CEO, the Council, and the Sacramento County Department of Health Services (DHS) as the Recipient, each with complementary duties as described in the remainder of this section.

Section 2.4. Duties of Chief Elected Official: The CEO shall:

- (a) Receive Parts A and State Office of AIDS grant funds awarded to the TGA;

- (b) Select the Recipient;
- (c) Appoint members to the Council for the TGA; and,
- (d) Ensure that all terms and conditions of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Sacramento County, El Dorado County, Placer County and Yolo County are adhered to.

Section 2.5, Duties of Council: The duties of the Council shall be to:

- (a) Establish priorities for the allocation of Part A and State Office of AIDS funds within the TGA including how best to meet each such priority and any additional factors to be considered in the fund allocation process;
- (b) Develop a comprehensive plan for organizing, delivering, evaluating and monitoring HIV related health and support services that seek to be innovative and interactive with existing California State and/or local plans relative to the provision of health services to individuals with HIV;
- (c) Assess the efficiency, effectiveness and expediency of the administrative mechanism for allocating funds to areas of greatest need within the TGA;
- (d) Participate in the development of the Statewide coordinated statement of need; and,
- (e) Establish methods for engaging with the community to determine and prioritize needed support and care.

Section 2.6, Duties of the Recipient: The Recipient shall:

- (a) Develop and maintain contractual agreements with Sacramento, El Dorado, and Placer Counties and the State Office of AIDS specific to the distribution of Part A and State Office of AIDS funds;
- (b) Write and assemble the Part A and State Office of AIDS applications;
- (c) Select contractors and set contract award levels based on an established process in accordance with priorities set by the Council and under the terms of the MOU. The contractor award process shall include an appeals procedure;
- (d) Disseminate notice of contract awards inclusive of the appeals procedure;
- (e) Develop and execute contracts in a manner consistent with Part A requirements for rapid allocation of funds;
- (f) File reports required by HRSA and the State Office of AIDS;
- (g) Develop and implement a fund reallocation process under parameters set forth by the Council to insure the rapid and appropriate redistribution of any funds for which the established anticipated rates of service expenditures are greater or less than projected at the time of original funding; and,
- (h) Monitor and assess the quality, effectiveness and economy of the services supported with Part A and State Office of AIDS grant funds.

## **Article III Council Membership**

Section 3.1, Nominations: The ultimate selection and appointment of Council members is the responsibility of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors upon recommendation by the Public Health Advisory Board (PHAB). Nominations for membership on the Council shall be identified through an open process and candidates shall be selected based on locally delineated and publicized criteria. Nomination Policies and Procedures established by the Council, in conjunction with the PHAB, shall guide the process of recruitment, application, selection and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Section 3.2. Number: The membership of the Council shall be comprised of a maximum of 44 individuals who shall be appointed by the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors.

Section 3.3. Representation: Council membership must reflect in its composition the demographics of the epidemic in the TGA with emphasis given to the disproportionately affected and historically under-served groups and sub-populations.

- (a) The proportion of Council members living with HIV shall meet or exceed the minimum level defined by HRSA regulations; and,
- (b) The Council shall include any federally mandated categorical representatives mandated by the HRSA and any additional categorically designated locally and as outlined in the council's policies and procedures, which may be updated from time to time.

Section 3.4, Voting: All members shall have voting privileges on the Council.

Section 3.5, Terms: A full term as a member of the Council is three (3) years. A regular term begins on January 1. Candidates for reappointment, including those filling mandated positions, will be selected following the same policies and procedures used for new members. If a member is unable to complete a term for any reason a new member may be selected, as outlined in Section 3.9, to serve the remainder of the term.

Planning Council seats are set by the Board of Supervisors for a term of three years. Terms begin January 1 and end three years later on December 31. Example. January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007.

Members can serve no more than three consecutive three-year terms. The exceptions are the Health Officers, the state Part B and Medi-Cal representatives or a designated member for a service provider, who shall serve by virtue of their office, with no fixed term.

A member who is selected to fill an unexpired term will serve for the remainder of that term, and if eligible to serve two additional three-year terms if his/her membership is renewed.

Upon completion of the maximum terms outlined above, an individual is eligible to immediately re-apply for Planning Council membership for additional three-year term and subsequently must re-apply every three years.

Section 3.6, Alternative Representation of Members:

- (a) Under certain circumstances as defined by policy and procedure, members living with HIV may have an alternate assigned to represent him or her during any absence due to illness related to their HIV status. Alternates will be selected according to the established policies and procedures for nomination and appointment to the Council and by any other policies and procedures that define and govern the roles and responsibilities of Council members and/or Alternate. Alternates shall participate fully in activities and meetings of the Council but vote only at those meetings which they are replacing an official Council member.
- (b) Seated members who represent a category mandated by federal or local authority for which there is only one possible source for appointment will be allowed to send a designated non-voting representative according to the policies and procedures established by the Council.
- (c) Other Council members do not qualify to have alternates or designated representatives assigned or appointed during absences for any reason.

Section 3.7, Resignations: Any Council member may resign at any time by giving written notice to an officer of the Council. Such resignation shall take effect as indicated in the notice or, if no date is given, on the date of receipt of notice.

Section 3.8, Termination: Members may be terminated from the Council for the following reasons:

- (a) Unexcused and/or excessive absence from regular council meetings;
- (b) Loss of the member's qualifying status for continued appointment;
- (c) Habitual behavior that disrupts the Council's ability to conduct business in a timely and efficient manner; and,
- (d) Conduct that negatively impacts community confidence in the Council, such as a violation of conflict of interest or breach of confidentiality.

Recommendation of terminations for any reason will be reviewed and submitted to the Council by the Executive Committee or any committee created by the Council for such a purpose. An officer, co-chairperson, or any other member may be removed from the Planning Council by a two-thirds

majority vote of the Council if it is the judgment of the membership that the member in question is not serving the best interests of the Council. Notice of and the reasons will be sent to the member, submitted to the Public Health Advisory Board and provided to the Board of Supervisors as appropriate.

Section 3.9, Vacancies: If there are vacancies that occur prior to the annual nomination process, new members shall be appointed in accordance with policies and procedures created by the Council, and subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors. To the fullest extent possible, appointments will be made that maintain or augment the representation and reflect goals as mandated by HRSA or established by the Council. Vacancies may be filled at any time.

Section 3.10 Attendance:

Regular meeting attendance, physically or via teleconference, is expected and it is the responsibility of all members to communicate barriers to attendance and unanticipated absences as specified in policy.

In the absence of HRSA specific criteria for physically conducting Council business, members of the Council generally hold to the following principles:

- Traditional in-person meetings are the preferred forum for general Council and committee meetings.
- Tele/video conferencing is appropriate if the following criteria apply:
  - The Executive Committee finds that tele/video conferencing for business necessity is more expedient, conducive to ensuring a quorum, facilitates accessibility to the public or is necessary to protect attendees from imminent risks to the health or safety, or to accommodate any state of emergency declared by the California Governor.
- Recommendation for conducting a tele/video meeting will be presented by the Executive Committee at each regular council meeting for consensus determination.
- The Council will post meeting notices in the usual manner including how to access virtual meetings.
- In the event that there is a disruption in the public broadcast of the call-in or internet-based meeting service, there will be no further action on agenda items until public access is restored.

Subsection (A) Absence Assessment:

The Chair or Chair delegate will contact each member with two (2) consecutive unexcused absences regardless of the medium used to conduct Council general membership meeting to determine barriers for member continued participation.

The Chair or Chair delegate will contact each member with four (4) absences in a 12-month period regardless of the medium used to conduct Council general membership meeting to determine barriers for member continued participation.

After contacting the member the Chair may, using discretion, request the Executive Committee to waive the attendance requirements or put before the Council a motion to remove the member under Article III Section 3.8. A majority vote of Executive Committee members is required to put forth the motion to the Council at large.

Members mandated by federal or local authority who are unable to attend a Council meeting because of mandated travel designated by HRSA, the appointing authority for their particular jurisdiction (i.e., El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento or Yolo County), or critical public health issue shall be considered excused.

General members who are unable to attend a Council meeting due to Board sanctioned travel and/or meeting attendance as the official representative of the Council shall be excused. Individual Council members who are absent as the result of civic responsibility (i.e., jury duty) or other third party legal obligation (i.e., subpoena, summons) shall be considered excused.

**Article IV  
Officers**

Section 4.1, Officers: The officers of the Council shall be the Chair, and Vice Chair. The Council may or through authority vested in the Chair to appoint, such other officers as the business of the Council may require, each of whom shall have such authority and perform such duties as the Council determines necessary.

Section 4.2, Duties of the Chair:

- (a) Call the session to order at the specified time for both Council and Executive Committee;
- (b) Ensure that there is a quorum;
- (c) Announce the business and the order in which it will be considered
- (d) Appoint any standing or special committee or workgroup; as designated by the Council;

- (e) Suspend or terminate any special committee or work group, as determined necessary by a majority vote of the Executive Committee;
- (f) Serve as a liaison and represent the interests of the Council to the Board of Supervisors, the Department of Health and Human Services, to any agency, group or individual of the public having business with the Council;
- (g) Perform all other duties as instructed by the Council directly, or through policy and procedure as may be necessary or incidental to the position;
- (h) Act as the primary liaison between Council and Recipient to establish service priorities, financial integrity, quality assurance and Council evaluation; and,
- (i) Act as the primary contact/representative for the Council in business matters including but not limited to correspondence, complaints, information release, policy position and advocacy.

Section 4.3, Duties of the Vice-Chairs:

The Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair in the absence of the Chair and as delegated by the Chair or otherwise directed by the Council including but not limited to:

- (a) Facilitate the effective implementation, coordination and maintenance of general business operation for the Council;
- (b) Act as primary liaison between council and staff to establish membership recruitment/maintenance, marketing activities, branding activities, event planning and community outreach;
- (c) Facilitate/coordinate the effective establishment/maintenance of committee structure as defined by the Council; and,
- (d) Give or cause to be given, all notices of regular and special meetings of the Council or any other Committee needing to conduct business.

Any officer or council member may call for a special session as appropriate to the business at hand and within the requirements of the Brown Act as appropriate.

Any officer may attend committee as an *ex officio* member.

Section 4.4, Election and Term of Office: Officers are nominated and elected by the members of the Council to serve for three years. Officers will be elected within the three months following the annual appointment of members.

Section 4.5, Terms: No officer shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. In such cases where there is no nomination or interested candidate for the office vacancy, the term of the



existing officer may be extended for three years by a two-thirds majority vote of the Council membership.

Section 4.6, Vacancies: Vacancies which occur prior to the end of a term of office shall be filled by an election at the next regular or special meeting of the Council and will serve until the next regular election of officers.

## **Article V Committee Structure**

Section 5.1, Committees: The Council may designate one or more committees on a standing, ad hoc or advisory basis. Each committee shall consist of at least two (2) or more members of the Council and may, as desired by the Council, include nonmembers. The Chair of any committee shall be a member of the Council. The Council may assign to the committee any authority of the Council, except that no committee may:

- (a) Fill vacancies on the Council or on any committee that has the authority of the Council;
- (b) Amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws;
- (c) Amend or repeal any resolution of the Council that by its expressed terms is not amendable or subject to repeal; and,
- (d) Appoint any other committees of the Council or the members of such committees.

Section 5.2, Meetings and Actions of Committees: Meetings and actions of all committees shall be governed by, and held and taken in accordance with all other provisions of these Bylaws and any other policies or procedures set by the Council which governs meetings and voting. Minutes will be taken at each meeting of any committee and shall be filed in a manner designated by Council policies and procedures.

Section 5.3, Standing Committees: The Standing Committees of the Council shall be the Executive Committee and the Governance Committee at a minimum. The current Standing Committees are as follows: the Executive Committee, the Governance Committee, the Administrative Assessment Committee, the Affected Communities Committee, the Quality Advisory Committee, the Priorities and Allocations Committee, and the Needs Assessment Committee.

- (a) For a description of standing committees, refer to Policy and Procedure Manual document GOV 02.

Section 5.4, Executive Committee: The purpose of the Executive Committee is to act for the Council between Council regular meeting to ensure the timely execution of routine business matters and to provide guidance and leadership to

the general membership in fulfillment of the Council responsibilities as prescribed by the Health Resources and Services Agency (HRSA) Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program and established Council activities and objectives.

Criteria for Executive Committee:

All members of the Executive Committee shall be Council members

- Composition:
  - Council Chair
  - Council Vice Chair
  - Recipient Designate (nonvoting)
  - Governance Committee Chair
  - Priorities/Allocations Committee Chair
  - Affected Communities Committee Chair
  - Quality Advisory Committee Chair

The Committee Chairs for Needs Assessment and Administrative Assessment should present to the Executive Committee no less than twice yearly.

In the absence of regional representation on the Executive Committee through Committee Chair structure the Council may appoint 2 Council members at large to represent El Dorado and Placer Counties.

The Council may form Ad Hoc committees as deemed necessary in which case Ad hoc Committee chairs may participate in Executive Committee proceedings as determined appropriate by the Council Chair.

The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the Council Chair;

Activities of the Executive Committee shall include, but are not limited to:

- i. Assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of the administrative mechanism for rapidly and appropriately allocating the funds within TGA;
- ii. Review and act upon grievances according to policies and procedures established by the Council;
- iii. Instituting procedures for Council record keeping and other administrative functions;
- iv. Review and comment on reports and recommendations from committees, but not making decisions except issues that may be delegated by the Council or that are urgent and time-sensitive;
- v. Acting as a coordinating mechanism for the Committees, workgroups and a sounding board and problem-solving mechanism for complex or controversial issues;

- vi. Review and recommend disciplinary action against members, in accordance with criteria established by Council bylaws;
- vii. Conduct an annual assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of Council support services and recommending changes as needed;
- viii. Review, prioritize and recommend parameters for the Council's regular meetings;
- ix. In general, advise and provide leadership to the Council; and,
- x. Report any actions or recommendations from the Executive Committee at the next regular Council meeting.

## **Article VI Meetings and Operating Procedures**

Section 6.1, Regular Meetings: A regular meeting schedule for the Council will be set by the Council and can be temporarily amended as the need arises by the Chair or the Executive Committee. There will be at least six (6) regular meetings during the year. Additional meetings may be scheduled, as needed. Whenever possible, at each Council meeting the date and time of the next Council meeting shall be established.

Section 6.2, Special Meetings: Special meetings may be held on the call of any two (2) officers or four (4) Council members. Should such a meeting be called, all members shall be notified by telephone, facsimile or other reasonable alternative at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the specified meeting time. The call or notice for a special meeting must state specifically the subject matter of the meeting. No other subject matter may be introduced or considered at the meeting.

Section 6.3, Quorum: One-third of the number of seated Council members constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business for which there is no dissenting vote. Members present representing at least one-third of the total seated members but not more than a majority of the total, may conduct any business with a 3/4 vote of those present. When a majority of the seated members are present any business can be transacted with a simple majority vote of those present. A majority must be determined based on all those present excluding those who cannot vote due to a conflict of interest as described in Article VII. Proxies are not permitted, with the exception of voting by alternates for affected community members as described under Article III Section 5. Members present at a duly called or held meeting at which a quorum is present may continue to do business until adjournment, notwithstanding the withdrawal of enough members to have less than a quorum.

Section 6.4, Open Meetings: Council meetings shall be open to the public except under circumstances and procedures as prescribed by applicable

county and state policies which allow for particularly sensitive information to be discussed in an executive session of a policy body. Written minutes shall be kept of all meetings and considered for approval at the next scheduled meeting. Members of the public may speak on issues related to Council business or consistent with the Council purpose under general guidelines set by the Council.

Section 6.5. Parliamentary Procedure: Robert's Rules of Order (latest edition) shall govern all meetings of the Council and its committees except as otherwise provided in these Bylaws.

## **Article VII Conflict of Interest**

Section 7.1, Definitions: Conflict of interest is a breach of an obligation to the council that has the effect or intention of advancing one's own interest or the interests of others in a way detrimental to the interests or potentially harmful to the fundamental mission of the Council.

Section 7.2, Member's Responsibilities: The Council maintains a Conflict of interest and Ethics Code that calls for the members to conduct themselves in such a way as not to convey the impression on any person that they can be influenced into actions that conflict with their personal duties. It is expected that all Council members conduct themselves with the highest ethical standards in a manner that will bear the closest scrutiny.

Section 7.3, Disclosure Forms: All Council members will file an annual Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) as provided in the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Code.

Section 7.4, Disputes: Challenge by any Council member relative to a perceived conflict of interest shall be pursued through Parliamentary procedure including but not limited to a motion of Personal Privilege.

Section 7.5, Removal: Any member may be removed from the Council and all committees when it is determined that the member knowingly attempted to influence the Council in an area of interest conflict.

## **Article VIII Confidentiality**

Section 8.1, Prohibition: No member of the Council or its committees shall disclose confidential information acquired in the course of his/her official duties.

Section 8.2, Definition: Confidential information shall include, but is not limited to:

- (a) Information concerning the medical condition, substance abuse history, or sexual orientation of any individual, whether a member of the Council, a member of a committee, or the recipient of a service provided with Part A/B funds;
- (b) Any other confidential information, official in nature that is not suitable for public disclosure.

### **Article IX Grievances**


Section 9.1, Grievances: Persons or agencies who have a grievance regarding a decision made directly by the Council or regarding services provided by Ryan White CARE Act funds must follow the policies and procedures established by the Council. The authorized policies and procedures are available from the Council, its officers or designated agent upon request.

### **Article X Amendments**

Section 10.1 Revisions: These Bylaws maybe amended by a three-fourths vote of the Council members present at a properly constituted meeting.

Section 10.2, Notice of Proposed Revisions: Copies of all proposed amendments to the Bylaws shall be sent to all members of the Council at least seven (7) working days prior to the meeting at which such amendments are to be considered for adoption.

Section 10.3, Scope of Authority for Revisions: At a meeting to amend bylaws, decisions can only be made on those bylaws contained in the prior notice as described in Section 10.2.

Signed:   
Richard Benavidez, Chair

Date: 6/22/22

***HIV Health Services Planning Council  
General Directives Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
(Here after, known as Current Fiscal Year)***

**General Directive 1**

The service provider must have a process in place that documents that Ryan White is the payer of last resort, that no other resources are available, and that all appropriate referrals were made for eligible services.

**General Directive 2**

All Ryan White Care service categories will be provided in a manner that provides for 100% access and 0% disparity to all populations.

**General Directive 3**

With the exception of ambulatory care, behavioral/mental health, oral health, childcare and substance abuse/use services, clients cannot access services outside of their county of residence without referral and prior authorization through the Medical Case Management system.

**General Directive 4**

As the Priorities and Allocations committee develops alternate funding scenarios based on possible funding losses, the Recipient shall choose the nearest approved allocation scenario to fund provider contracts for the Current Fiscal Year.

The grant award will determine which scenario is to be used by the Recipient. The Recipient shall use the scenarios approved by PAC and the Council and the approved percent variances. In the Current Fiscal Year, it will be:

- If the grant award is within 5% higher or lower of the ***application requested amount***, the Recipient will pro-rate the increases/decreases pro-rated across all service categories.
- If the award is 1% to 5% less than the prior fiscal year ***actual award***, the Council approved prior fiscal year Flat Funding scenario shall be used and pro-rated across all service categories, with the exception of Pediatric Treatment Adherence which will remain at the prior fiscal year Allocation.
- If the award is 6% - 13% less than the prior fiscal year ***actual award***, the 10% Council approved reduction scenario shall be used and pro-rated across all service categories, with the exception of Pediatric Treatment Adherence, which will remain at the prior fiscal year Allocation.

- If the award is 14% or more less than the prior fiscal year **actual award**, the Recipient will consult the HIV Health Services Planning Council's Priorities and Allocation Committee to develop a final Current Fiscal Year Allocation plan.
- If the award is within 5% higher than the prior fiscal year **actual award**, the 5% increase scenario shall be used and pro-rated across all service categories.

### **General Directive 5**

The Affordable Care Act (ACA) ensures that all legal U.S. residents are able to obtain affordable health care coverage, regardless of any pre-existing conditions. Legal California residents are able to get affordable private health care coverage from a variety of plans through Covered CA. There are Penalties if residents do not get coverage.

The service provider must have a process in place that documents that the client has been informed of the ACA requirements and that appropriate referrals were made for ACA enrollment.

### **General Directive 6**

The Federal Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program defines eligibility for the program as an individual (1) with a medical diagnosis of HIV/AIDS and (2) who is low-income as defined by the State.

The California State Department of Public Health, under the Budget Act of 2019, shall apply the same financial eligibility requirements for its various HIV Care Program, which is formulated by using the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) that does not exceed 500% of the Federal Poverty Level per year, based on family size and household income.

To maintain compliance with the State and Federal Government, the Sacramento TGA adopts the same financial eligibility requirements.

### **General Directive 7**

All Ryan White funded providers shall make telehealth/tele-services available for medical case management, non-medical case management, outpatient ambulatory care, behavioral/mental health and/or other telehealth/tele-service appropriate services.

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_



Richard Benavidez, Chair

Date: 04/26/2023

## Sacramento TGA

### Service Category Directives, FY 2023-2024

#### **Medical Transportation Services Directive 1**

Medical Transportation funds shall be used for the reimbursement of volunteer drivers or for the purchase of ride share or public transportation fare (Light Rail or Bus pass).

Based on client acuity, transportation funds must be prioritized by means of transport so as to preserve the most cost effective means such as

- family, friends and other sources of transport for which the RW Agency does not incur any direct cost.
- volunteer services
- public transit (to include Para-Transit) or gas voucher
- ride share (such as Lyft or Uber)
- taxi service

#### **Medical Case Management Directive 1**

Medical Case Management is a fundamental approach to efficient and effective intervention whether provided as an office based or as a home or field deployed strategy.

#### **Medical Case Management Directive 2**

All agencies providing Ryan White-funded Medical Case Management services are either "Field Based" or "Office Based" to ensure that proper billing occurs. Any agency designated as "field-based" **must** offer clients the alternative of meeting case management staff at locations outside the agency's normal place of business office and convenient for the client.

#### **Housing Directive 1**

Ryan White Funds may be used for short-term or emergency housing defined as necessary to gain or maintain access to medical care and must be administered in accordance with U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration, HIV/AIDS Bureau, Policy Clarification Notice 16-02, as well as, Sacramento TGA Service Standard 15 – Housing Assistance Services.

Rent Subsidy and Emergency Housing services will be administered through the TGA's case management system.

Clients may receive rent subsidy assistance services once each fiscal year unless additional assistance is authorized by the Recipient. Eligible Ryan White clients must meet the following criteria for eligibility for rent subsidy assistance:

1. Be in medical care and compliant with their case management plan.
2. Provide proof of pending eviction or 3-day notice of eviction.



3. Provide landlord name and tax identification information.

Emergency Housing may include motels, hotels, rooming houses, etc.

- a. Emergency housing payments may be utilized on an emergency or transitional basis for no more than 14 nights per year, at the most reasonable rate available in the community for emergency per-diem housing which meets acceptability standards, unless specific contractual agreements with funding sources provide extensions. Provision of assistance beyond this 14-night cap will require the TGA's Recipient approval.
- b. This assistance will be accompanied by a documented plan to obtain more permanent housing and such medical case management and advocacy as is needed to pursue the plan.

Adopted:



Richard Benavidez, Chair

Date: 04/26/2023