

AIDS Library

The AIDS Library has free computer access, many books, journals, movies and other resources about HIV and other issues. There are librarians on hand to help you with your questions. There are limited hours, so call or check the website.

215-985-4851

www.aidslibrary.org

1233 Locust Street #2, Philadelphia

Positive Committee

The Positive Committee is a group of people living with HIV who help plan the Ryan White services for the Philadelphia region. At meetings, the group discusses issues and questions about services, receives information from local experts, and share resources and support. Lunch and transportation reimbursement are provided.

Positive Committee meets on the second Monday of each month from 12:00 to 2:00pm, except for holidays. If you are interested in attending a meeting call to reserve your spot at least three days before the meeting.

(215) 574-6760

www.hivphilly.org

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Medications

Pennsylvania SPBP

(800) 922-9384

New Jersey ADDP

(877) 613-4533

Health Information Helpline

Information on Ryan White
services and HIV testing
(215) 985-2437

Philadelphia Health Centers

[www.phila.gov/health/
ambulatoryhealth](http://www.phila.gov/health/ambulatoryhealth)

PA Community Health Centers

[www.healthfederation.org/
chcs/](http://www.healthfederation.org/chcs/)

NJ Community Health Centers

www.njpca.org/FQHC/



**What help is
there for people
living with HIV?**





What is the Ryan White Program?

This federal government program provides health care and medications to people with HIV/AIDS who are uninsured and under-insured. In the Philadelphia area there are many doctors and organizations providing medical care and other help to people living with HIV.

The Ryan White program began in 1991 and is named after a teenage boy (photo above) who was discriminated against because of his HIV status..

Who is eligible for Ryan White services?

Anyone living with HIV/AIDS in the Philadelphia region who meets income requirements is eligible for the Ryan White services. The maximum income for an individual is \$58,850.

What is the Ryan White eligibility card? How do I get one?

Everyone must be "certified" as eligible for Ryan White services every six months. Proof of residency, income, HIV status, insurance, and identification must be verified every six months. You can be certified at your HIV medical provider, a case manager or any other Ryan White organization.

Do I need to have health insurance?

You do not need to have insurance to get HIV healthcare or medications. The Ryan White program is for people with no health insurance or health insurance that doesn't cover all the services they need.

Do I need a case manager?

A case manager can be very helpful for getting health insurance and other benefits. He/she can also help you navigate the health care system. Sometimes a referral from a case manager is needed to get services. You can call the Health Information Helpline at 215-985-2437 to get assigned a case manager.

Can I go to a case manager or doctor in another town? Can I change my doctor?

You can use Ryan White services anywhere in the 9 county Philadelphia region, regardless of where you live. There are many doctors and organizations to choose from. You can also change doctors or case managers whenever you need. Call the Health Information Helpline at 215-985-2437 to get help finding services.

Can I get dental care?

There are a number of places to receive low or no cost dental care. A case manager can help you get an appointment with one of the Ryan White dental providers. Residents of Philadelphia can also access dental care services at the Philadelphia City Health Centers.

Can I get help with transportation?

If you are eligible for Ryan White services, you can also get transportation assistance to get to your doctor and case manager. This might be a ride or reimbursements in the form of tokens or transit card. Medicaid provides transportation to Medicaid covered services.

Can I get help with food or paying for rent or utilities?

Food pantries, food vouchers and even meal delivery services are available for people living with HIV/AIDS.

There is help available for people who need first/last month's rent to move into a new place, back rent, and even utilities for those who qualify. There is a limit to \$2500 per 12 month period for financial help for housing or utilities.

In order to apply for financial or food assistance, ask your case manager. Or call the Health Information Helpline at 215-985-2437 for more information

Can I get help paying for my medications?

There is help to pay for your medications through a program called ADAP. Many people get their HIV medications for free or for very little cost. SPBP, or Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program, is the version of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) in Pennsylvania. The program covers HIV-related medications, some mental health medications and some other types of drugs for people living with HIV who meet the insurance and income eligibilities. ADAP will cover co-pays and other out of pocket costs for medications on the program's list of approved drugs for those who have private insurance. If you have Medicaid or Medical Assistance, you are not eligible for ADAP coverage in PA or NJ.

To apply for SPBP in Pennsylvania, contact your case manager or call (800) 922-9384.

To access ADAP in New Jersey, contact your case manager or call (877) 613-4533.