

FY 2020 Houston EMA Ryan White Part A/MAI Service Definition <b>Comprehensive Outpatient Primary Medical Care including Medical Case Management,            Service Linkage and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) Services - Rural</b>	
HRSA Service Category Title: <b>RWGA Only</b>	1. Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care 2. Medical Case Management 3. AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local) 4. Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance 5. Case Management (non-Medical)
Local Service Category Title:	Adult Comprehensive Primary Medical Care - Targeted to Rural
Amount Available: <b>RWGA Only</b>	Total estimated available funding: <u>\$0.00</u> (to be determined)  1. Primary Medical Care: <u>\$0.00</u> 2. LPAP <u>\$0.00</u> 3. Medical Case Management: <u>\$0.00</u> 4. Service Linkage: <u>\$0.00</u>  Note: The Houston Ryan White Planning Council (RWPC) determines overall annual Part A and MAI service category allocations & reallocations. RWGA has sole authority over contract award amounts.
Target Population:	Comprehensive Primary Medical Care – Targeted to Rural
Client Eligibility: Age, Gender, Race, Ethnicity, Residence, etc.	PLWHA residing in the Houston EMA/HSDA counties <b>other than Harris County</b> (prior approval required for non-EMA clients). Contractor must adhere to Targeting requirements and Budget limitations as applicable.
Financial Eligibility:	<i>See Current Year Approved Financial Eligibility for Houston EMA/HSDA</i>
Budget Type: <b>RWGA Only</b>	Hybrid Fee for Service
Budget Requirement or Restrictions: <b>RWGA Only</b>	<b>Primary Medical Care:</b>  No less than 75% of clients served in a Targeted subcategory must be members of the targeted population with the following exceptions:  10% of funds designated to primary medical care must be reserved for invoicing diagnostic procedures at actual cost.  Contractors may not exceed the allocation for each individual service component (Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Local Pharmacy Assistance Program and Service Linkage) without prior approval from RWGA.

	<p><b>Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP):</b></p> <p>Houston RWPC guidelines for Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services: Contractor shall offer HIV medications from an approved formulary for a total not to exceed \$18,000 per contract year per client. Contractor shall offer HIV-related medications for a total not to exceed \$3,000 per contract year per client. These guidelines are determined by the RWPC. The RWPC determines the subcategories that shall include Ryan White LPAP funding.</p> <p>Medications must be provided in accordance with Houston EMA guidelines, HRSA/HAB rules and regulations and applicable Office of Pharmacy Affairs 340B guidelines.</p> <p>At least 75% of the total amount of the budget for LPAP services must be solely allocated to the actual cost of medications and may not include any storage, administrative, processing or other costs associated with managing the medication inventory or distribution.</p> <p><b>Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance</b></p> <p>Direct cash payments to clients are not permitted. It is expected that all other sources of funding in the community for emergency financial assistance will be effectively used and that any allocation of RWHAP funds for these purposes will be as the payer of last resort, and for limited amounts, uses, and periods of time. Continuous provision of an allowable service to a client should not be funded through emergency financial assistance.</p>
<p>Service Unit Definition/s:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Outpatient/Ambulatory Medical Care: One (1) unit of service = One (1) primary care office/clinic visit which includes the following:</li> <li>● Primary care physician/nurse practitioner, physician’s assistant or clinical nurse specialist examination of the patient, and</li> <li>● Medication/treatment education</li> <li>● Medication access/linkage</li> <li>● OB/GYN specialty procedures (as clinically indicated)</li> <li>● Nutritional assessment (as clinically indicated)</li> <li>● Laboratory (as clinically indicated, not including specialized tests)</li> <li>● Radiology (as clinically indicated, not including CAT scan or MRI)</li> <li>● Eligibility verification/screening (as necessary)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow-up visits wherein the patient is not seen by the MD/NP/PA are considered to be a component of the original primary care visit.</li> <li>• Outpatient Psychiatric Services: 1 unit of service = A single (1) office/clinic visit wherein the patient is seen by a State licensed and board-eligible Psychiatrist or qualified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner. This visit may or may not occur on the same date as a primary care office visit.</li> <li>• Nutritional Assessment and Plan: 1 unit of service = A single comprehensive nutritional assessment and treatment plan performed by a Licensed, Registered Dietician initiated upon a physician's order. Does not include the provision of Supplements or other products (clients may be referred to the Ryan White funded Medical Nutritional Therapy provider for provision of medically necessary supplements). The nutritional assessment visit may or may not occur on the same date as a medical office visit.</li> <li>• AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local): A unit of service = a transaction involving the filling of a prescription or any other allowable medication need ordered by a qualified medical practitioner. The transaction will involve at least one item being provided for the client, but can be any multiple. The cost of medications provided to the client must be invoiced at actual cost.</li> <li>• Medical Case Management: 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct medical case management services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified medical case manager.</li> <li>• Service Linkage (non-Medical Case Management): 1 unit of service = 15 minutes of direct service linkage services to an eligible PLWHA performed by a qualified service linkage worker.</li> <li>• Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance: A unit of service = a transaction involving the filling of a prescription or any other allowable HIV treatment medication need ordered by a qualified medical practitioner. The transaction will involve at least one item being provided for the client, but can be any multiple. The cost of medications provided to the client must be invoiced at actual cost.</li> </ul>
<p>HRSA Service Category Definition:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outpatient/Ambulatory medical care</b> is the provision of professional diagnostic and therapeutic services rendered by a physician, physician's assistant, clinical nurse specialist, or</li> </ul>

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nurse practitioner in an outpatient setting. Settings include clinics, medical offices, and mobile vans where clients generally do not stay overnight. Emergency room services are not outpatient settings. Services includes diagnostic testing, early intervention and risk assessment, preventive care and screening, practitioner examination, medical history taking, diagnosis and treatment of common physical and mental conditions, prescribing and managing medication therapy, education and counseling on health issues, well-baby care, continuing care and management of chronic conditions, and referral to and provision of specialty care (includes all medical subspecialties). Primary medical care for the treatment of HIV infection includes the provision of care that is consistent with the Public Health Service's guidelines. Such care must include access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections and combination antiretroviral therapies.

- **AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance (local)** includes local pharmacy assistance programs implemented by Part A or Part B Grantees to provide HIV/AIDS medications to clients. This assistance can be funded with Part A grant funds and/or Part B base award funds. Local pharmacy assistance programs are not funded with ADAP earmark funding.
- **Medical Case Management** services (including treatment adherence) are a range of client-centered services that link clients with health care, psychosocial, and other services. The coordination and follow-up of medical treatments is a component of medical case management. These services ensure timely and coordinated access to medically appropriate levels of health and support services and continuity of care, through ongoing assessment of the client's and other key family members' needs and personal support systems. Medical case management includes the provision of treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for, and adherence to, complex HIV/AIDS treatments. Key activities include (1) initial assessment of service needs; (2) development of a comprehensive, individualized service plan; (3) coordination of services required to implement the plan; (4) client monitoring to assess the efficacy of the plan; and (5) periodic re-evaluation and adaptation of the plan as necessary over the life of the client. It includes client-specific advocacy and/or review of utilization of services. This includes all types of case

	<p>management including face-to-face, phone contact, and any other forms of communication.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Case Management (non-Medical)</b> includes the provision of advice and assistance in obtaining medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other needed services. Non-medical case management does not involve coordination and follow-up of medical treatments, as medical case management does.</li> <li>• <b>Emergency Financial Assistance</b> provides limited one-time or short-term payments to assist the RWHAP client with an emergent need for paying for essential utilities, housing, food (including groceries, and food vouchers), transportation, and medication. Emergency financial assistance can occur as a direct payment to an agency or through a voucher program.</li> </ul>
Standards of Care:	<p>Contractors must adhere to the most current published Part A/B Standards of Care for the Houston EMA/HSDA. <b>Services must meet or exceed applicable United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidelines for the Treatment of HIV/AIDS.</b></p>
Local Service Category Definition/Services to be Provided:	<p><b>Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care:</b> Services include on-site physician, physician extender, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication education, and patient care coordination. The Contractor must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral to appropriate medical provider upon primary care Physician’s order).</p> <p>Services provided to women shall further include OB/GYN physician &amp; physician extender services on-site or by referral, OB/GYN services, colposcopy, nursing, phlebotomy, radiographic, laboratory, pharmacy, intravenous therapy, home health care referral, licensed dietician, patient medication/women’s health education, patient care coordination, and social services. The Contractor must provide continuity of care with inpatient services and subspecialty services (either on-site or through specific referral protocols to appropriate agencies upon primary care Physician’s order).</p> <p><b>Outpatient/Ambulatory Primary Medical Care must provide:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuity of care for all stages of adult HIV infection;</li> </ul>

- Laboratory and pharmacy services including intravenous medications (either on-site or through established referral systems);
- Outpatient psychiatric care, including lab work necessary for the prescribing of psychiatric medications when appropriate (either on-site or through established referral systems);
- Access to the Texas ADAP program (either on-site or through established referral systems);
- Access to compassionate use HIV medication programs (either directly or through established referral systems);
- Access to HIV related research protocols (either directly or through established referral systems);
- Must at a minimum, comply with Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards for HIV Primary Medical Care. The Contractor must demonstrate on an ongoing basis the ability to provide state-of-the-art HIV-related primary care medicine in accordance with the most recent DHHS HIV treatment guidelines. Rapid advances in HIV treatment protocols require that the Contractor provide services that to the greatest extent possible maximize a patient's opportunity for long-term survival and maintenance of the highest quality of life possible.
- On-site Outpatient Psychiatry services.
- On-site Medical Case Management services.
- On-site Medication Education.
- Physical therapy services (either on-site or via referral).
- Specialty Clinic Referrals (either on-site or via referral).
- On-site pelvic exams as needed for female patients with appropriate follow-up treatment and referral.
- On site Nutritional Counseling by a Licensed Dietitian.

**Services for women must also provide:**

- Well woman care, including but not limited to: PAP, pelvic exam, HPV screening, breast examination, mammography, hormone replacement and education, pregnancy testing, contraceptive services excluding birth control medications.
- Obstetric Care: ante-partum through post-partum services, child birth/delivery services. Perinatal preventative education and treatment.
- On-site or by referral Colposcopy exams as needed, performed by an OB/GYN physician, or physician extender with a colposcopy provider qualification.

- Social services, including but not limited to, providing women access to child care, transportation vouchers, food vouchers and support groups at the clinic site;

**Nutritional Assessment:** Services include provision of information about therapeutic nutritional/supplemental foods that are beneficial to the wellness and increased health conditions of clients by a Licensed Dietitian. Services may be provided either through educational or counseling sessions. Clients who receive these services may utilize the Ryan White Part A-funded nutritional supplement provider to obtain recommended nutritional supplements in accordance with program rules. Clients are limited to one (1) nutritional assessment per calendar year without prior approval of RWGA.

Patient Medication Education Services must adhere to the following requirements:

- Medication Educators must be State Licensed Medical Doctor (MD), Nurse Practitioner (NP), Physician Assistant (PA), Nurse (RN, LVN) or Pharmacist. Prior approval must be obtained prior to utilizing any other health care professional not listed above to provide medication education.
- Clients who will be prescribed ongoing medical regimens (i.e. ART) must be assessed for adherence to treatment at every clinical encounter using the EMA's approved adherence assessment tool. Clients with adherence issues related to lack of understanding must receive more education regarding their medical regimen. Clients with adherence issues that are behavioral or involve mental health issues must be provided counseling by the Medical Case Manager, Physician or Physician Extender and/or licensed nursing staff and, if clinically indicated, assessment and treatment by a qualified Psychiatrist or Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

**Outpatient Psychiatric Services:**

The program must provide:

- Diagnostic Assessments: comprehensive evaluation for identification of psychiatric disorders, mental status evaluation, differential diagnosis which may involve use of other clinical and laboratory tests, case formulation, and treatment plans or disposition.

- Emergency Psychiatric Services: rapid evaluation, differential diagnosis, acute treatment, crisis intervention, and referral. Must be available on a 24 hour basis including emergency room referral.
- Brief Psychotherapy: individual, supportive, group, couple, family, hypnosis, biofeedback, and other psychophysiological treatments and behavior modification.
- Psychopharmacotherapy: evaluation and medication treatment of psychiatric disorders, including, but not limited to, anxiety disorders, major depression, pain syndromes, habit control problems, psychosis and organic mental disorders.
- Rehabilitation Services: Physical, psychosocial, behavioral, and/or cognitive training.

Screening for Eye Disorders: Contractor must ensure that patients receive appropriate screening and treatment for CMV, glaucoma, cataracts, and other related problems.

**Local Medication Assistance Program (LPAP):** LPAP provides pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. Allowable medications are only those on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. Eligible clients may be provided Fuzeon™ on a case-by-case basis with prior approval of Ryan White Grant Administration (RWGA). The cost of Fuzeon™ does not count against a client's annual maximum. HIV-related medication services are the provision of physician or physician-extender prescribed HIV-related medications to prevent serious deterioration of health. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge (such as birth control and TB medications) or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription.

Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary, for a total not to exceed \$18,000.00 per contract year per client. Contractor must provide allowable HIV-related medications (i.e. non-HIV medications) for a total not to exceed \$3,000 per contract year per client. Contractor may be reimbursed ADAP dispensing fees (e.g. \$5/Rx) in accordance with RWGA business rules for those ADAP clients who are unable to pay the ADAP dispensing fee.

**Medical Case Management Services:** Services include screening all primary medical care patients to determine each patient's level of need for Medical Case Management services, performing a comprehensive assessment, including an assessment of the patient's health literacy, and developing a medical service plan for each client that demonstrates a documented need for such services, monitoring medical service plan to ensure its implementation, and

educating client regarding wellness, medication and health care appointment adherence. The Medical Case Manager serves as an advocate for the client and as a liaison with medical providers on behalf of the client. The Medical Case Manager ensures linkage to mental health, substance abuse and other client services as indicated by the medical service plan.

**Service Linkage:** The purpose of Service Linkage is to assist clients with the procurement of needed services so that the problems associated with living with HIV are mitigated. Service Linkage is a working agreement between a client and a Service Linkage Worker for an indeterminate period, based on client need, during which information, referrals and service linkage are provided on an as-needed basis. Service Linkage assists clients who do not require the intensity of Medical Case Management per RWGA Quality Management guidelines. Service Linkage is both office-based and field based. Service Linkage Workers are expected to coordinate activities with referral sources where newly-diagnosed or not-in-care PLWHA may be identified, including 1:1 case conferences with testing site personnel to ensure the successful transition of referrals into Primary Care Services. Such incoming referral coordination includes meeting prospective clients at the referring Provider location in order to develop rapport with individuals prior to the individual's initial Primary Care appointment and ensuring such new intakes to Primary Care services have sufficient support to make the often difficult transition into ongoing primary medical care. Service Linkage also includes follow-up to re-engage lost-to-care patients. Lost-to-care patients are those patients who have not returned for scheduled appointments with Provider nor have provided Provider with updated information about their current Primary Medical Care provider (in the situation where patient may have obtained alternate service from another medical provider). Contractor must document efforts to re-engage lost-to-care patients prior to closing patients in the CPCDMS. Service Linkage extends the capability of existing programs by providing "hands-on" outreach and linkage to care services to those PLWHA who are not currently accessing primary medical care services. Service Linkage includes the issuance of bus pass vouchers and gas cards per published RWGA guidelines. Service Linkage complements and extends the service delivery capability of Medical Case Management services.

**Emergency Financial Assistance – Pharmacy Assistance** provides limited one-time and/or short-term 30-day supply of pharmaceuticals to patients otherwise ineligible for medications through private insurance, Medicaid/Medicare, State ADAP, SPAP or other sources. One refill for up to 30-day supply available with RWGA prior approval. Allowable medications are only those on the Houston EMA Ryan White Part A Formulary. HIV-related

	<p>medication services are the provision of physician or physician-extender prescribed medications to prevent serious deterioration of health. Does not include drugs available to the patient from other programs or payers or free of charge or medications available over the counter (OTC) without prescription. Contractor must offer all medications on the Texas ADAP formulary.</p>
<p>Agency Requirements:</p>	<p><b>Providers and system must be Medicaid/Medicare certified.</b></p> <p><b>Eligibility and Benefits Coordination:</b> Contractor must implement consumer-friendly, culturally and linguistically appropriate new and ongoing patient eligibility verification and benefit coordination processes that ensure accountability with Ryan White Payer of Last Resort requirements while achieving maximum utilization of eligible benefits. Eligibility processes should provide clients with a meaningful understanding of their benefits, expected out-of-pocket expenses and other information needed to ensure full and continued participation in care.</p> <p><b>LPAP and EFA – Pharmacy Assistance Services:</b> Contractor must:</p> <p>Provide pharmacy services on-site or through an established contractual relationship that meets all requirements. Alternate (off-site) approaches must be approved prior to implementation by RWGA.</p> <p>Either directly, or via subcontract with an eligible 340B Pharmacy program entity, must:</p> <p>Ensure a comprehensive financial intake application to determine client eligibility for this program to insure that these funds are used as a last resort for purchase of medications.</p> <p>Ensure the documented capability of interfacing with the Texas HIV Medication Program operated by the Texas Department of State Health Services. This capability must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.</p> <p>Ensure medication assistance provided to clients does not duplicate services already being provided in the Houston area. The process for accomplishing this must be fully documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.</p> <p>Ensure, either directly or via a 340B Pharmacy Program Provider, at least 2 years of continuous documented experience in providing HIV/AIDS medication programs utilizing Ryan White Program or similar public sector funding. This experience must be documented and is subject to independent verification by RWGA.</p>

	<p>Ensure all medications are purchased via a qualified participant in the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and Prime Vendor Program, administered by the HRSA Office of Pharmacy Affairs. Note: failure to maintain 340B or Prime Vendor drug pricing may result in a negative audit finding, cost disallowance or termination of contract awarded. Contractor must maintain 340B Program participation throughout the contract term. All eligible medications must be purchased in accordance with Program 340B guidelines and program requirements.</p> <p>Ensure Houston area HIV/AIDS service providers are informed of this program and how the client referral and enrollment processes functions. Contractor must maintain documentation of such marketing efforts.</p> <p>Implement a consistent process to enroll eligible patients in available pharmaceutical company Patient Assistance Programs prior to using Ryan White Part A funded LPAP resources.</p> <p>Ensure information regarding the program is provided to PLWHA, including historically under-served and unserved populations (e.g., African American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Native American, Pacific Islander) and women not currently obtaining prescribed HIV and HIV-related medications.</p> <p>Offer, at no charge to the client, delivery options for medication refills, including but not limited to courier, USPS or other package delivery service.</p> <p><b>Case Management Operations and Supervision:</b> The Service Linkage Workers (SLW) and Medical Case Managers (MCM) must function within the clinical infrastructure of Contractor and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds published Standards of Care. An MCM may supervise SLWs.</p>
<p>Staff Requirements:</p>	<p>Contractor is responsible for ensuring that services are provided by State licensed internal medicine and OB/GYN physicians, specialty care physicians, psychiatrists, registered nurses, nurse practitioners, vocational nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, clinical nurse specialists, physician extenders with a colposcopy provider qualification, x-ray technologists, State licensed dieticians, licensed social worker and ancillary health care providers in accordance with appropriate State licensing and/or certification requirements and with knowledge and experience of HIV disease. In addition, Contractor must ensure the following staff requirements are met:</p> <p><b>Outpatient Psychiatric Services:</b> Director of the Program must be a Board Certified Psychiatrist. Licensed and/or Certified allied health professionals (Licensed Psychologists, Physicians, Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners, Licensed Master Social Workers,</p>

Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Certified Alcohol and Drug Abuse Counselors, etc.) must be used in all treatment modalities. Documentation of the Director's credentials, licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal. Documentation of the Allied Health professional licensures and certifications must be included in the proposal appendices.

**Medication and Adherence Education:** The program must utilize an RN, LVN, PA, NP, pharmacist or MD licensed by the State of Texas, who has at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV/AIDS care, to provide the educational services. Licensed social workers who have at least two (2) years paid experience in the preceding five (5) years in HIV/AIDS care may also provide adherence education and counseling.

**Nutritional Assessment (primary care):** Services must be provided by a licensed registered dietician. Dietitians must have a minimum of two (2) years of experience providing nutritional assessment and counseling to PLWHA.

**Medical Case Management:** The program must utilize a state licensed Social Worker to provide Medical Case Management Services. The Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Medical Case Management FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Medical Case Manager and the individual assigned to supervise those Medical Case Managers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**

**Service Linkage:** The program must utilize Service Linkage Workers who have at a minimum a Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a major in social or behavioral sciences. Documented paid work experience in providing client services to PLWHA may be substituted for the Bachelor's degree requirement on a 1:1 basis (1 year of documented paid experience may be substituted for 1 year of college). All Service Linkage Workers must have a minimum of one (1) year paid work experience with PLWHA. Contractor must maintain the assigned number of Service Linkage FTEs throughout the contract term. **Contractor must provide to RWGA the names of each Service Linkage Worker and the individual assigned to supervise those Service Linkage Workers by 03/30/15, and thereafter within 15 days after hire.**

**Supervision of Case Managers:** The Service Linkage Workers and Medical Case Managers must function within the clinical infrastructure of Contractor and receive ongoing supervision that meets or exceeds Houston EMA/HSDA Part A/B Standards of Care

	<p>for Service Linkage and Medical Case Management as applicable. An MCM may supervise SLWs.</p>
<p>Special Requirements: <b>RWGA Only</b></p>	<p><b>All primary medical care services must meet or exceed current United States DHHS Treatment Guidelines for the treatment and management of HIV disease.</b></p> <p>Contractor must provide all required program components - Primary Medical Care, Medical Case Management, Service Linkage (non-medical Case Management) and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program (LPAP) services.</p> <p><b>Primary Medical Care Services:</b> Services funded under this grant cannot be used to supplant insurance or Medicaid/Medicare reimbursements for such services. Clients eligible for such reimbursement may not be billed to this contract. Medicare and private insurance co-payments may be eligible for reimbursement under Ryan White Health Insurance Assistance (HINS) program guidelines. Patients needing such assistance should be referred to the local Ryan White-funded HINS provider for assistance. Under no circumstances may the Contractor bill the County for the difference between the reimbursement from Medicaid, Medicare or Third Party insurance and the fee schedule under the contract. Furthermore, potential clients who are Medicaid/Medicare eligible or have other Third Party payers may not be denied services or referred elsewhere by the Contractor based on their reimbursement status (i.e. Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may not be referred elsewhere in order that non-Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients may be added to the contract). Failure to serve Medicaid/Medicare eligible clients based on their reimbursement status will be grounds for the immediate termination of contract.</p> <p><b>For primary medical care services targeted to the Latino community at least 50% of the clinical care team must be fluent in Spanish.</b></p> <p><b>Diagnostic Procedures:</b> A single Diagnostic Procedure limited to procedures on the approved list of diagnostic procedures (see below) without prior County approval. Approved diagnostic procedures will be reimbursed at invoice cost. Part A and Part A/MAI-funded programs must refer to the RWGA website for the most current list of approved diagnostic procedures and corresponding codes: <a href="http://www.hcphes.org/rwga">www.hcphes.org/rwga</a>. <b>Diagnostic procedures not listed on the website must have prior approval by RWGA.</b></p> <p><b>Outpatient Psychiatric Services:</b> Client must not be eligible for services from other programs/providers or any other reimbursement source (i.e. Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance) unless the client</p>

is in crisis and cannot be provided immediate services from the other programs/providers. In this case, clients may be provided services, as long as the client applies for the other programs/providers, until the other programs/providers can take over services. Program must be supervised by a Psychiatrist and include diagnostic assessments, emergency evaluations and psycho-pharmacotherapy.

**Maintaining Referral Relationships (Point of Entry Agreements):**

Contractor must maintain appropriate relationships with entities that constitute key points of access to the health care system for individuals with HIV disease, including but not limited to, Harris Health System and other Houston EMA-located emergency rooms, Harris County Jail, Texas Department of Criminal Justice incarceration facilities, Immigration detention centers, substance abuse treatment and detoxification programs, adult and juvenile detention facilities, Sexually Transmitted Disease clinics, federally qualified health centers (FQHC), HIV disease counseling and testing sites, mental health programs and homeless shelters. These referral relationships must be documented with written collaborative agreements, contracts or memoranda of understanding between Contractor and appropriate point of entry entities and are subject to audit by RWGA. Contractor and POE entity staff must regularly (e.g. weekly, bi-weekly depending on volume of referrals) meet 1:1 to discuss new referrals to primary medical care services. Such case conferences must be documented in the client record and properly entered into the CPCDMS.

Use of CPCDMS Data System: Contractor must comply with CPCDMS business rules and procedures. Contractor must enter into the CPCDMS all required clinical data, including but not limited to, HAART treatment including all changes in medication regimens, Opportunistic Infections, screening and treatment for STDs and Hepatitis A, B, C and other clinical screening and treatment data required by HRSA, TDSHS and the County.

Contractor must perform Registration updates in accordance with RWGA CPCDMS business rules for all clients wherein Contractor is client's CPCDMS record-owning agency. Contractor must utilize an electronic verification system to verify insurance/3rd party payer status monthly or per visit (whichever is less frequent).

**Bus Pass Distribution:** The County will provide Contractor with METRO bus pass vouchers. Bus Pass vouchers must be distributed in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Contractor may only issue METRO bus pass vouchers to clients wherein the Contractor is the CPCDMS record owning Contractor. METRO bus pass vouchers shall be distributed as follows:

**Expiration of Current Bus Pass:** In those situation wherein the bus pass expiration date does not coincide with the CPCDMS registration update the Contractor must distribute METRO bus pass vouchers to eligible clients upon the expiration of the current bus pass or when a Value-based bus card has been expended on eligible transportation needs. Contractor may issue METRO bus passes to eligible clients living outside the METRO service area in those situations where the Contractor has documented in the client record that the client will utilize the METRO system to access needed HIV-related health care services located in the METRO service area.

**Gas Cards:** Primary Medical Care Contractors must distribute gasoline vouchers to eligible clients residing in the rural service area in accordance with RWGA policies and procedures, standards of care and financial eligibility guidelines. Gas Cards are only available to Rural primary medical care Contractors without prior approval by RWGA.