

Local Service Category:	Early Intervention Services – Incarcerated
Amount Available:	To be determined
Unit Cost	
Budget Requirements or Restrictions (TRG Only):	Maximum 10% of budget for Administrative Cost. No direct medical costs may be billed to this grant.
DSHS Service Category Definition:	<p>Support of Early Intervention Services (EIS) that include identification of individuals at points of entry and access to services and provision of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HIV Testing and Targeted counseling • Referral services • Linkage to care • Health education and literacy training that enable clients to navigate the HIV system of care <p>These services must focus on expanding key points of entry and documented tracking of referrals.</p> <p>Counseling, testing, and referral activities are designed to bring people living with HIV into Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care. The goal of EIS is to decrease the number of underserved individuals with HIV/AIDS by increasing access to care. EIS also provides the added benefit of educating and motivating clients on the importance and benefits of getting into care.</p> <p>Limitations: Funds can only be used for HIV testing where existing federal, state, and local funds are not adequate <i>and</i> funds will supplement, <i>not supplant</i>, existing funds for testing. Funds cannot be used to purchase at-home testing kits.</p>
Local Service Category Definition:	This service includes the connection of incarcerated in the Harris County Jail into medical care, the coordination of their medical care while incarcerated, and the transition of their care from Harris County Jail to the community. Services must include: assessment of the client, provision of client education regarding disease and treatment, education and skills building to increase client’s health literacy, completion of THMP/ADAP application and submission via ARIES upload process, care coordination with medical resources within the jail, care coordination with service providers outside the jail, and discharge planning.
Target Population (age, gender, geographic, race, ethnicity, etc.):	People living with HIV (PLWHs) incarcerated in The Harris County Jail.
Services to be Provided:	<p>Services include but are not limited to CPCDMS registration/update, assessment, provision of client education, coordination of medical care services provided while incarcerated, medication regimen transition, multidisciplinary team review, discharge planning, and referral to community resources.</p> <p>EIS for the Incarcerated is provided at Harris County Jail. HCJ’s population includes both individuals who are actively progressing through the criminal justice system (toward a determination of guilt or innocence), individuals who are serving that sentence in HCJ, and individuals who are awaiting transfer to Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ). The complexity of this population has proven a challenge in service delivery. Some individuals in HCJ have a firm release date. Others may attend and be released directly from court.</p> <p>Therefore, EIS for the Incarcerated has been designed to consider the uncertain nature of length of stay in the service delivery. Three tiers of</p>

	<p>service provision haven been designated. They are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tier 0: The individuals in this tier do not stay in HCJ long enough to receive a clinical appointment while incarcerated. The use of zero for this tier’s designation reinforces the understanding that the interaction with funded staff will be minimal. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally less than 14 days. • Tier 1: The individuals in this tier stay in HCJ long enough to receive a clinical appointment while incarcerated. This clinical appointment triggers the ability of staff to conduct multiple interactions to assure that certain benchmarks of service provision should be met. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally 15-30 days. • Tier 2: The individuals in this tier remain in HCJ long enough to get additional interactions and potentially multiple clinical appointments. The length of stay in this tier is traditionally 30 or more days. <p>Service provision builds on the activities of the previous tier if the individual remains in HCJ. Each tier helps the staff to focus interactions to address the highest priority needs of the individual. Each interaction is conducted as if it is the only opportunity to conduct the intervention with the individual.</p>
Service Unit Definition(s) (TRG Only):	One unit of service is defined as 15 minutes of direct client services or coordination of care on behalf of client.
Financial Eligibility:	Due to incarceration, no income or residency documentation is required.
Client Eligibility:	People living with HIV incarcerated in the Harris County Jail.
Agency Requirements (TRG Only):	<p>As applicable, the agency’s facility(s) shall be appropriately licensed or certified as required by Texas Department of State Health Services, for the provision of HIV Early Intervention Services, including phlebotomy services.</p> <p>Agency/staff will establish memoranda of understanding (MOUs) with key points of entry into care to facilitate access to care for those who are identified by testing in HCJ. Agency must execute Memoranda of Understanding with Ryan White funded Outpatient Ambulatory Medical Care providers. The Administrative Agency must be notified in writing if any OAMC providers refuse to execute an MOU.</p>
Staff Requirements:	Not Applicable.
Special Requirements (TRG Only):	Must comply with the Houston EMA/HSDA Standards of Care. The agency must comply with the DSHS Early Intervention Services Standards of Care and the Houston HSDA Early Intervention Services for the Incarcerated Standards of Care . The agency must have policies and procedures in place that comply with the standards <i>prior</i> to delivery of the service.