



RYAN WHITE PART A (RWPA) HIV/AIDS PROGRAM  
LAS VEGAS TRANSITIONAL GRANT AREA (TGA)

***EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES (EIS)—SERVICE STANDARDS***

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**IMPORTANT:** All Las Vegas Transitional Grant Area (TGA) service providers must adhere to the Las Vegas-TGA [Universal Service Standards](#). Please read the [Universal Service Standards](#) prior to reading the service standards below.

**Service Description**

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) legislation defines Early Intervention Services (EIS) for Part A, B, and C.

**Program Guidance**

The elements of EIS often overlap with other service category descriptions; however, EIS is the combination of such services rather than a stand-alone service. RWHAP Part recipients should be aware of programmatic expectations that stipulate the allocation funds into specific service categories.

- RW Parts A and B EIS services must include the following four components:
  - Targeted HIV testing to help the unaware learn of their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be HIV-infected
    - Recipients must coordinate these testing services with other HIV prevention and testing programs to avoid duplication of efforts
    - HIV testing paid for by EIS cannot supplant testing efforts paid for by other sources
  - Referral services to improve HIV care and treatment services at key points of entry
  - Access and linkage to HIV care and treatment services such as HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, and Substance Abuse Care
  - Outreach Services and Health Education/Risk Reduction related to HIV diagnosis

**Eligibility**

Presumptive eligibility is determined only by EIS program staff. EIS clients are to be determined to be presumptively eligible for Part A services, until which time the standard eligibility requirements can be fulfilled not to exceed a period of six months.

## Minimum Requirements

STANDARD	MEASURE
<b>1. Staff Requirements</b>	
1.1. Staff providing Early Intervention Services must be a licensed RN, Disease Investigator, or a college graduate with a four year degree or higher in a social, behavioral, or biomedical science.	1.1. Copy of most recent license or degree
<b>2. Service Delivery</b>	
<b>2.1. Medical Evaluation</b> The EIS provider must complete a medical evaluation, including confirmatory HIV testing (if medically indicated) and evaluation of immune functioning.	2.1. Documentation in client record of medical evaluation
<b>2.2. Assessment of Needs</b> During initial contact with client, the EIS provider must assess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers to medical care</li> <li>• Psychosocial needs</li> <li>• Health education, risk reduction, and health literacy needs</li> </ul>	2.2. Documentation in client record of the assessment of identified needs
<b>2.3. Linkage to HIV Primary Medical Care and Psychosocial Resources</b> The EIS provider must link consumer to two HIV medical care visits at least 90 days apart.	2.3. Documentation in client record of verification of HIV medical care visits. Acceptable methods of verification include: EIS provider physically attended appointment with client and/or EIS provider confirmed appointment attended with medical provider.
<b>2.4. Linkage to HIV Medication and Insurance Services</b> The EIS provider must link consumers to health insurance, medication access, and/or AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) resources.	2.4. Documentation in consumer records of being successfully linked to appropriate insurance/medication access resources
<b>2.5. Linkage to Psychosocial Resources</b> The EIS provider must link consumer to psychosocial	2.5. Documentation in client record of being

resources that address barriers to establishing medical care	successfully linked to appropriate psychosocial resources
<p><b>2.6. Documentation</b></p> <p>The EIS provider must document any and all efforts to work with client and provide services, such that progress notes and service entries match in CAREWare.</p>	2.6. Documentation in client record of progress notes that correspond to CAREWare service entries
<p><b>2.7. Discharge</b></p> <p>The EIS provider may work with clients for a maximum of 6 months to facilitate linkage to care. This timeframe may be extended with Ryan White Part A Recipient Office approval.</p>	2.7. Documentation in client record of timely discharge. If client needs EIS services beyond 6 months, documentation in client record of Recipient consultation and approval.
<b>3. Program Data and Reporting</b>	
<p>A. EIS programs are required to collect the following data elements in the Las Vegas TGA CAREWare data system:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year of birth</li> <li>• Ethnicity</li> <li>• Hispanic subgroup</li> <li>• Race</li> <li>• Asian subgroup</li> <li>• NHPI Subgroup</li> <li>• Gender</li> <li>• Transgender subgroup</li> <li>• Sex at Birth</li> <li>• Health insurance</li> </ul>	A. Documentation in Las Vegas TGA CAREWare
<b>4. Policies and Procedures</b>	
A. None at this time.	A. N/A
<b>5. Referral Policy</b>	
<p>A. All service providers must work in partnership with the client, their internal care coordination team and external providers (both Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program-funded and non-Ryan White-funded sites) to ensure appropriate and timely service referrals are made.</p> <p>For more information, see Las Vegas TGA <a href="#">Referral Policy</a>.</p>	A. For internal Ryan White Part A referrals: documentation in CAREWare. For external referrals: documentation in client record that referral was completed.