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RW Eligibility Policy

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Texas Ryan White Program

- Federal program that provides funding for medical and supportive services to Persons Living with HIV (PLWH).



A



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B



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Eligibility Refresher



Initial Eligibility and
Annual Recertification



No Changes



Complete
attestation
form and
update
client record

Changes



Collect
supporting
documentation
and update
client record



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Edibility Terms

Recertification

12 mo. (birth month)

SELF-Attestation

6 mo. (half-birth month)



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RW Eligibility

- The eligibility process determines whether someone living with HIV is eligible for Ryan White services. The process ensures eligible client access to needed services while adhering to payer of last resort (PoLR) requirements.
- Eligibility must be assessed twice a year, no matter what RW service is being provided (even if it's just occasional referrals!)
- There is always a place to revolutionize and trail blaze in providing care to PLWH! **Eligibility policy is NOT ONE OF THEM.**

RW Eligibility Timeline



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**INITIAL
DETERMINATION**

***Only needs to
happen once initially,
UNLESS birth month
is 2+ months after
initial date**

SA

SELF-ATTESTATION

**Only needs to
happen 6 mo. after
birth month**

R

RECERTIFICATION

**Happens at client's
birth-month (client
is now aligned)**

Commonly Found Gaps In Documentation



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1. Required Income Worksheet is not being used. Click here: <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/hivstd/policy/policies/20-001.shtm> (and scroll to the bottom for required docs)
2. Insurance verification
 - Marked N/A or not done at all
 - Filling in "Ryan White" for clients without insurance.
3. Self-attestations being completed late or not at all.



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