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HIV AND RYAN WHITE SOUTH CAROLINA

HIV IN SOUTH CAROLINA, BY THE NUMBERS:¹



16,718: the number of South Carolinians living with diagnosed HIV in 2016.



9th in the nation: in HIV diagnosis rates in 2017.



15th in the nation: in AIDS death rates in 2016.



8th in the nation: in HIV prevalence rates in 2016.

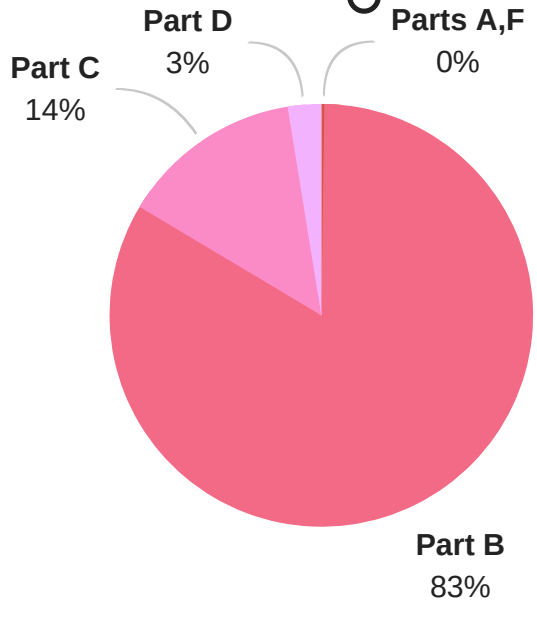


DEPENDS ON RYAN WHITE:²

- An estimated **11,008 South Carolinians** received services through Ryan White in 2015.
- **59.5%** were living at or below the poverty line.
- Since Ryan White is legally required to be the "payer of last resort," these people did not have other access to medical or support services.

Federal Ryan White Funding in SC³

- Part A: \$0.00M
- Part B: \$36.58M
- Part C: \$6.09M
- Part D: \$1.12M
- Part F: \$0.00M



South Carolina received **\$43.81 million** in Ryan White funds in 2018

- **\$13.61 million** went to the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).
- Over the past five years, annual funding increased by **25%**.
- **The Ending HIV Epidemic: Plan for America** would increase funding to South Carolina because the state has a substantial rural HIV burden.

RYAN WHITE WORKS!

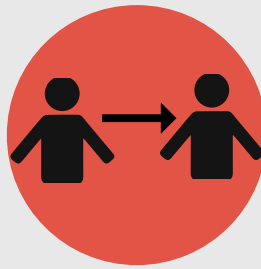
Ryan White services keep HIV-positive individuals in treatment and care



With treatment, people with HIV can live active, healthy lives.



People whose virus is suppressed for 6 months cannot transmit HIV through sex.



But, if disconnected from care, resistance to medications can develop making it easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, without treatment HIV is deadly.⁴



RYAN WHITE PROVIDES SERVICES ACROSS THE HIV CARE CONTINUUM

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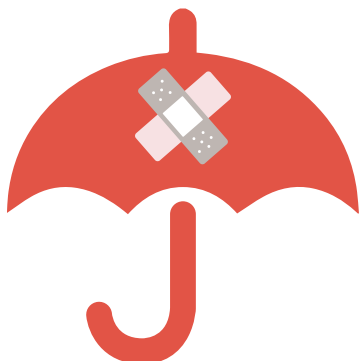
THE SERIES OF STEPS A PERSON WITH HIV TAKES FROM INITIAL DIAGNOSIS THROUGH THEIR SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT WITH HIV MEDICATION



While only **60%** of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2015,⁵ **85.9%** of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.⁶



WITHOUT MEDICAID EXPANSION, SOUTH CAROLINA RELIES ON RYAN WHITE MORE THAN OTHER STATES.



2,549 Ryan White program clients living with HIV in South Carolina had no insurance coverage other than Ryan White in 2015.⁷

No other program provides the same set of gap-filling services or care as Ryan White. Even after health reform, **Ryan White remains crucial for South Carolina.**

For more information, visit our website at <http://southernaidsstrategy.org>.

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