



**SAN FRANCISCO HIV HEALTH SERVICES PLANNING COUNCIL**  
San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties  
**POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

**Eligibility Criteria, Severe Need,  
and Special Populations Definition**

**Eligibility**

The following is the eligibility criteria for Ryan White Programs, Part A&B funded services in the San Francisco EMA. To receive services, an individual must meet *all* of the following criteria:

- Be HIV positive. For some family services, such as childcare, there must be an HIV positive family member.
- Live in the EMA where they are accessing services.
- Be uninsured or underinsured for the service being provided.
- Have a low income, defined as an annual federal adjusted gross income equal to or less than 400% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), which for 2007 is **\$40,840** for one person. This is the same criteria as that used by the California AIDS Drug Assistance Program.

**Severe Need**

The following is to define severe need and special populations for the purposes of prioritizing and targeting CARE-funded services.

To be in the “severe need” category, an individual must meet all of the following criteria:

- Disabled by HIV/AIDS or with symptomatic HIV diagnosis
- Active substance abuse or mental illness
- Poverty, defined as an annual federal adjusted gross income equal to or less than 150% of FPL (Federal Poverty Line), which for 2007 is **\$16,245** for one person, or **\$22,050** for two people.

**Special Populations**

The Council recognizes special populations which have unique or disproportionate barriers to care. They need additional or unique services, or require a special level of expertise to maintain them in care. The following

populations were identified, based on the data that has been presented to the Council:

- Transgender individuals
- Populations with the lowest rates of use of HAART.
- Communities with linguistic or cultural barriers to care. The Committee included undocumented individuals in this category, as well as monolingual Spanish speakers.
- Individuals who are being released from incarceration in jails or prisons, or who have a recent criminal justice history.