



## HIV and Ryan White in Georgia February 2017

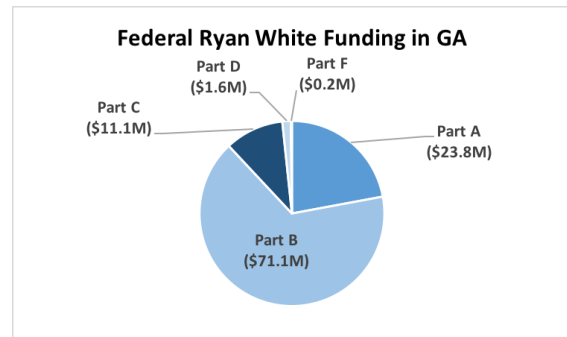
**Almost 22,000** people in Georgia depend on Ryan White to provide life-sustaining HIV treatment and prevention services that they could not otherwise access.

### HIV in Georgia, by the numbers.

- **46,870**: the number of Georgians living with diagnosed HIV/AIDS in 2014.<sup>1</sup>
- **4<sup>th</sup>**: in the nation for HIV related death rates in 2015.<sup>2</sup>
- **5<sup>th</sup>**: in the nation in the number of HIV diagnoses in 2015. In 2015 alone, 2,381 were newly diagnosed.<sup>3</sup>

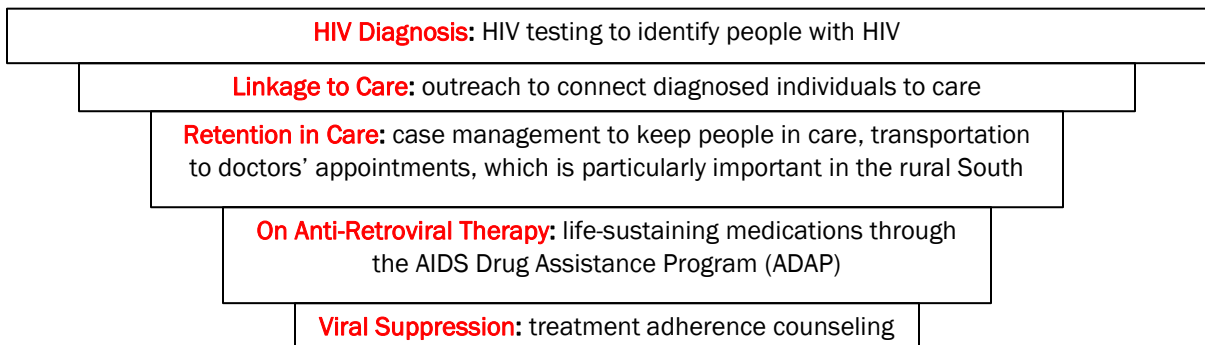
### Georgians depend on Ryan White.

- An estimated **21,897 Georgians** received services through Ryan White in 2014.<sup>4</sup>
  - **66.1%** 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 these medical and support services.
- Overall, Georgia received **\$107.8 million in federal Ryan White funds** in 2015.<sup>5</sup>
  - \$41.6 million went to ADAP.
  - \$23.8 million went to Atlanta, which is the state’s only city eligible for Part A funding for urban areas.



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

- When people with HIV receive treatment, they can live active, healthy lives.
- When they are disconnected from care, they can develop resistance to medications that were working for them and experience a rise in viral load that makes it much easier to transmit HIV. Moreover, HIV is still deadly without treatment.<sup>6</sup>
- Ryan White addresses this by providing services across the HIV Care Continuum.





With its unique set of services, **RYAN WHITE WORKS.**

- While only 30% of people nationwide have a viral load that is effectively suppressed as of 2011,<sup>7</sup> **81.4%** of HIV-positive clients who had received at least one Ryan White funded medical care visit have achieved viral suppression.<sup>8</sup>

After health reform, Georgia will need to rely on Ryan White more than other states.

- Ryan White wraps around other resources and provides care that works for people with HIV.
- With Georgia not expanding Medicaid, an estimated **5,900 of the lowest-income people with HIV** will be left out of coverage available in other states.<sup>9</sup> They will continue to rely solely on Ryan White.

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 Georgia.**

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<sup>1</sup> CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

<sup>2</sup> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Underlying Cause of Death 1999- 2015 on CDC Wonder Online Database. 2017; <http://wonder.cdc.gov/ucd- icd10.html>. (Using Crude rate lower 95% confidence level.)

<sup>3</sup> CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

<sup>4</sup> HRSA, 2014 State Profiles, Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program, Client Characteristics, <http://hab.hrsa.gov/stateprofiles/Client-Characteristics.aspx>. 2014 figures are the most recent available.

<sup>5</sup> HRSA, *HHS Awards \$2.2 Billion in Grants for HIV/AIDS Care and Medications*. <http://www.hhs.gov/about/news/2015/10/21/hhs-awards-22-billion-grants-hiv-aids-care-and-medications.html>. Part-by-part breakdowns are linked to the source. Total excludes AIDS Education and Training Centers Program Grants under Part F, which are broken down by region, not by state.

<sup>6</sup> CDC, *National HIV Prevention Progress Report, 2013*, [http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies\\_NationalProgressReport.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/policies_NationalProgressReport.pdf).

<sup>7</sup> CDC, *Vital Signs: HIV Care Saves Lives*, Nov. 2014, <https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2014-11-25-vitalsigns.pdf>.

<sup>8</sup> [Ryan](#) White HIV/AIDS Program by the Numbers, HRSA, 2014 Ryan White Services Report, <https://hab.hrsa.gov/sites/default/files/hab/Publications/infographics/generalaudiencegraphic.pdf>.

<sup>9</sup> Snider et al., *Nearly 60,000 Uninsured and Low-Income People With HIV/AIDS Live In States That Are Not Expanding Medicaid*, *Health Affairs*, Mar. 2014, <http://content.healthaffairs.org/content/33/3/386.abstract>.