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Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America-Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP)
Parts A and B

Project Title: Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America-Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Parts A and B

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Purpose: The purpose of this initiative is to implement effective and innovative strategies, interventions, approaches, and services to reduce new HIV infections, increase rapid HIV linkages to care, increase medication adherence, increase retention in care, decrease the number of people not receiving HIV medical care, increase viral suppression among people living with HIV and rapidly respond to potential outbreaks in South Carolina. This proposal promotes Pillars two and four of the four pillars in the Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for American.

Focus Areas:

- Pillar One: Diagnose all people with HIV as early as possible;
- **Pillar Two: Treat people with HIV rapidly and effectively to reach sustained viral suppression;**
- Pillar Three: Prevent new HIV transmissions by using proven interventions, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and syringe services programs (SSPs); and
- **Pillar Four: Respond quickly to potential HIV outbreaks to get needed prevention and treatment services to people who need them.**

Intended Impact: Over the period of performance, South Carolina intends to significantly reduce new HIV infections from an average of 761 a year to less than 350 per year, increase rapid HIV linkages to care, increase medication adherence, increase retention in care, decrease the number of people not receiving HIV medical care from 5,968 to less than 2,000 and increase viral load suppression from 57% to 80% across the state for clients who are consistently engaged in HIV medical care. These data will result from the use of evidence-based interventions and the establishment of a Statewide Rapid Continuum of Care Program, enhancing rapid linkage, re-engagement and treatment collaborative efforts between DHEC, Ryan White Part B providers, Community Based Organizations, Correctional Institutions, and Emergency and Pharmacy Departments.

Funding: DHEC is requesting \$2,000,000 the first year with a \$1,000,000 increase each year for a total of \$20,000,000 over the 5-year period of performance to implement the proposed program activities to End the HIV Epidemic in South Carolina.