

**SAN FRANCISCO HIV COMMUNITY PLANNING COUNCIL**  
San Francisco, San Mateo and Marin Counties

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

**Eligibility**

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

- Be living with HIV. For some family services, such as childcare, there must be an HIV positive family member
- Be considered at risk for HIV (for Early Intervention Services only).
- 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 600% of the Federal Poverty Level (\$15,960 for 2026), which is **\$95,760** for one person.

**Severe Need**

The following is to define severe need and special populations for the purposes of prioritizing and targeting Ryan White 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 use or mental illness
- Poverty, defined as an annual federal adjusted gross income equal to or less than 150% of Federal Poverty Level (in 2026, \$15,960 for one person and \$21,640 for two people), which is **\$23,940** for one person or **\$32,460** 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:

- Populations with the lowest rates of viral suppression and who experience health disparities.
- Communities with linguistic or cultural barriers to care.
- Individuals who are being released from incarceration in jails or prisons, or who have a recent criminal justice history.
- Persons living with HIV age 60 years or older.