

Dear Ryan White Program Service Providers and especially RW Medical Case Management Providers:

Please be advised that the Immune Support Program (ISP) External Referral Coordinator at Miami Beach Community Health Center's (MBCHC) ISP Department is now accepting Ryan White Program Certified Referrals for patients requiring colonoscopy/endoscopy procedures performed by Dr. Hellinger at Bayside Ambulatory Surgical Center (BASC), and is generating related authorizations. Until further notice, Dr. Hellinger will be performing limited procedures under conscious sedation with an RN or CRNA.

MBCHC does not currently have a subcontract with an anesthesia provider, since Biscayne Anesthesia is no longer providing its services at BASC. Therefore, MBCHC's ISP External Referral Coordinator is currently unable to accept Ryan White Program Certified Referrals for those procedures that require anesthesia services. All outpatient surgical procedures provided by any of MBCHC's medical staff or subcontracts requiring anesthesia will have to wait until MBCHC's ISP Department has a subcontract with a new anesthesia provider.

MBCHC's ISP Department is waiting for final approval from the Office of Management and Budget, Grants Coordination, Ryan White Program to proceed with an anesthesia contract. However, this approval is pending further guidance from HRSA, our federal funding source.

The other alternative is to refer clients to the University of Miami if possible; although Dr. Hellinger's clients will have to follow the process above as he is not affiliated with the University of Miami or the Public Health Trust.

If you have more questions or concerns, feel free to contact Mr. Jose Ortega at (305) 538-8835, Ext. 1602, or contact me by email at [cvalle@miamidade.gov](mailto:cvalle@miamidade.gov). Thank you for your understanding.

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