

**MIAMI-DADE COUNTY RYAN WHITE PROGRAM  
ALLOWABLE MEDICAL CONDITIONS LIST**

*These conditions are related to or exacerbated by HIV, comorbidities related to HIV, and complications of HIV treatment.*

*Conditions listed may be accessible under multiple specialties though not specifically referenced.*

*This list is intended to address the federal Health Resources and Services Administration's requirement that services provided through outpatient medical care be related to an individual's HIV status. This list was created to assist medical providers with specialty care referrals and to emphasize the importance of documenting the link between an individual's HIV status and the specialty care service to which a client is referred. This list is a sample guideline to be used in Miami-Dade County's Ryan White Part A/Minority AIDS Initiative Program of the most common conditions exacerbated or caused by HIV or its treatment.*

*Routine medical diagnostic testing (e.g., Pap smear, mammogram, bone density test, colonoscopy, colorectal cancer screening, and ophthalmologic screening) is allowable as long as such testing follows established medical guidelines, such as U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), American Medical Association, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), or other local guidelines, as a standard of care. Please see the most current, local Ryan White Program Service Delivery Manual for more information.*

When provided in an outpatient setting, labs, diagnostics, and treatments related to HIV, as indicated above, including complications of HIV treatment related to the following conditions may be covered:

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**BONE AND JOINT DISEASES (E.G., ORTHOPEDICS/RHEUMATOLOGY):**

osteoarthritis

**BONE AND JOINT DISEASES (E.G., ORTHOPEDICS/RHEUMATOLOGY) and  
CHIROPRACTIC/PHYSICAL MEDICINE:**

avascular necrosis of hip, knee, etc. (Stage 1 or 2 only for CHIROPRACTIC/PHYSICAL MEDICINE)

fibromyalgia

myopathy/myalgia, HIV-related (chronic for CHIROPRACTIC/PHYSICAL MEDICINE)

osteopenia/osteoporosis

rheumatic diseases

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**CARDIOLOGY:**

atherosclerosis

coronary artery disease

hyperlipidemia

peripheral artery disease

phlebitis

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**CHIROPRACTIC/PHYSICAL MEDICINE:**

arthralgia, HIV-related chronic

peripheral neuropathy

*IMPORTANT NOTE: According to CDC, chronic pain is defined as pain having duration of at least three months. Chronic pain is considered a co-morbidity of HIV. This may also contribute to the depression with pain comorbidity*

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*complex (DPC). Treatment of acute pain is not covered.*

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**COLORECTAL:**

abnormal anal Pap smears  
fistulas  
hernias

**COLORECTAL and ONCOLOGY:**

anal cancers

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**DENTAL (ORAL HEALTH CARE):**

giant aphthous ulcers

**DENTAL (ORAL HEALTH CARE); and EAR,NOSE and THROAT (ENT)/OTOLARYNGOLGY:**

human papillomavirus associated oral lesions

**DENTAL (ORAL HEALTH CARE); EAR,NOSE and THROAT (ENT)/OTOLARYNGOLGY; and ONCOLOGY:**

dental cancers  
oral cancers

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**DERMATOLOGY:**

dermatitis (including tinea infections)  
eczema/seborrheic dermatitis  
eosinophilic folliculitis  
impetigo  
Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA)  
molluscum contagiosum  
photodermatitis  
pruritus (as a symptom of undiagnosed xerosis, psoriasis, scabies, lymphoma, etc.)  
psoriasis  
skin conditions and symptoms, including skin appendages and oral mucosa  
warts

**DERMATOLOGY and INFECTIOUS DISEASES:**

herpes simplex virus

**DERMATOLOGY and ONCOLOGY:**

Kaposi's sarcoma  
skin cancers (squamous cell carcinoma, etc.)

**DERMATOLOGY and PODIATRY:**

onychomycosis

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**EAR, NOSE AND THROAT (ENT)/OTOLARYNGOLOGY:**

chronic sinusitis  
~~dental cancers~~  
~~oral cancers~~  
oral human papillomavirus

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**ENDOCRINOLOGY:**

diabetes  
hormone replacement therapy (for individuals of trans experience)  
hypogonadism

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**GASTROINTESTINAL:**

colitis (syphilitic colitis--very rare)  
diarrhea  
esophageal candidiasis  
nausea/vomiting

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**GENITOURINARY (GU)/ GYNECOLOGY (GYN)/OBSTETRICS (OB):**

abnormal Pap smear  
cervical human papillomavirus  
erectile dysfunction\*  
hematuria (related to neoplasms)  
pregnancy  
scrotal candidiasis  
tinea cruris (jock itch)  
vaginal candidiasis

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**GENITOURINARY (GU)/ GYNECOLOGY (GYN)/OBSTETRICS (OB) and ONCOLOGY:**

gynecological cancers  
prostate cancer

*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for evaluation and diagnostics of erectile dysfunction; but the treatment of erectile dysfunction is not covered by the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program.*

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**HEMATOLOGY:**

anemia  
**neutropenia**  
thrombocytopenia

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**HEMATOLOGY and ONCOLOGY:**

polycythemia vera

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**INFECTIOUS DISEASE:**

histoplasmosis  
leishmaniasis  
non-tuberculous mycobacterial infections  
syphilis  
varicella zoster infections  
viral hepatitis (hepatitis B and C)

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE and DERMATOLOGY:**

herpes simplex infections (1 and especially type 2)

**Mpox**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE and OPTHAMOLOGY:**

**toxoplasmosis**

**INFECTIOUS DISEASE and PULMONOLOGY:**

tuberculosis

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**MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES and PSYCHIATRY:**

mental health disorder caused or exacerbated by HIV diagnosis or HIV treatment  
mental health disorder/condition that significantly hinders a client's HIV treatment adherence

*IMPORTANT NOTES*

*Under Mental Health Services, a mental health professional (PhD, EdD, PsyD, MA, MS, MSW, or M. Ed) will assess, diagnose, and treat mental illness under the mental health service category.  
Under Psychiatry, a Psychiatrist will assess, diagnose, and treat mental illness in an outpatient/ambulatory health care setting.*

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**NEPHROLOGY:**

human immunodeficiency virus-associated nephropathy  
renal failure (may be related to coronary artery disease induced by HIV or diabetes mellitus induced by HIV, etc.)

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**NEUROLOGY:**

delirium  
HIV-associated neurocognitive disorder (HAND) <sup>1,2</sup>  
HIV- related encephalopathy  
neuropathy  
neurosyphilis

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<sup>1</sup> National Institute of Mental Health info: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/organization/dar/developmental-and-clinical-neuroscience-of-hiv-prevention-and-treatment-branch/clinical-neuroscience-of-hiv-infection-program>

[NOTE: old NIMH web link not accessible. Additional link added below by OMB-GC/Ryan White Program]

<sup>2</sup> UCSF Weill Institute for Neurosciences:

[https://memory.ucsf.edu/sites/memory.ucsf.edu/files/wysiwyg/UCSF\\_HIV%20Dementia\\_Providers\\_11-6-17.pdf](https://memory.ucsf.edu/sites/memory.ucsf.edu/files/wysiwyg/UCSF_HIV%20Dementia_Providers_11-6-17.pdf)

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**NUTRITION:**

lipodystrophy  
wasting  
weight gain  
weight loss

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**ONCOLOGY:**

Cancers may include but not limited to: anal, breast, eye (e.g., squamous cell carcinoma of the eye, Kaposi sarcoma, etc.), gynecological, Kaposi's sarcoma, lymphoma, oral, polycythemia vera, prostate, skin

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program is restricted to evaluation, diagnostics, and treatment in an outpatient setting.

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**OPHTHALMOLOGY/OPTOMETRY:**

Clients must also meet at least one of these criteria to access ophthalmology/optometry services:

- Client has a low CD4 count (at or less than 200 cells/mm<sup>3</sup>) *currently*
- Client has a comorbidity (e.g., diabetes, hypertension, STI, etc.)
- Client has a prior diagnosis of cytomegalovirus retinitis (CMV)
- Client has Immune Reconstitution Syndrome

Referrals to an optometrist or ophthalmologist must indicate a condition attempting to rule out complications of HIV. Any one of these conditions listed below would apply as examples.

**Manifestations due to opportunistic infections:**

- acute retinal necrosis
- bacterial retinitis
- candida endophthalmitis
- cryptococcus chorioretinitis
- cytomegalovirus retinitis
- pneumocystis choroiditis
- toxoplasma retinochoroiditis

**Visual disturbances to rule out complication of HIV due to:**

- cataracts
- dry eyes (sicca)
- glaucoma
- intra-retinal hemorrhages
- reactive arthritis
- trichomegaly or eyelash hypertrichosis (exaggerated growth of the eye lashes found in the later stages of the disease)
- uveitis

**History of STI and complications of STI:**

- herpes simplex virus

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- herpes zoster-varicella visual changes
- syphilis

*IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for evaluation and diagnostics for HIV-related eye problems/complications; but, not the filling of prescriptions for corrective lenses.*

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**PODIATRY:**

diabetic foot care  
foot and ankle pain\*  
~~onychomycosis~~

*\*IMPORTANT NOTE: the local Ryan White Part A/MAI Program will only pay for diagnostic evaluation of foot and ankle pain. Conditions such as hammer toes, bunions, heel spurs may be covered if related to neuropathies. Sprains or fractures are not covered unless a direct connection to neuropathies is present.*

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**PSYCHIATRY:**

~~mental health disorder caused or exacerbated by HIV diagnosis or HIV treatment~~  
~~mental health disorder/condition that significantly hinders a client's HIV treatment adherence~~

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**PULMONARY:**

mycobacterium  
pneumocystis pneumonia  
recurrent pneumonia  
~~tuberculosis~~

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