HIV Early Intervention Services

Requirement: Contract
Section 64D-2, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)
Chapter 384, F.S., Sexually Transmissible Diseases
DCF Pamphlet 155-24

Frequency: Annual Monitoring

Due Date: N/A

A written plan for exposure control regarding infectious diseases shall be developed and shall apply to all staff, volunteers, and clients. The plan shall be initially approved and reviewed annually by the medical director or consulting physician. The plan shall be in compliance with Chapters 381 and 384, F.S., and Chapters 64D-2 and 64D-3, F.A.C. The plan shall be consistent with the protocols and facility standards published in the Federal Center for Disease Control Guidelines and Recommendations for Infectious Diseases, Long Term Care Facilities.

Universal Infection Control Service Facilities:

- Addictions receiving facilities
- Detoxification
- Intensive inpatient treatment
- Residential treatment
- Day or night treatment with host homes
- Day or night treatment with community housing
- Day or night treatment
- Intensive outpatient treatment
- Outpatient treatment
- Medication and methadone maintenance treatment

The following Universal Infection Control Services shall be provided:

- Risk assessment and screening for both client high-risk behavior and symptoms of communicable disease as well as actions to be taken on behalf of clients identified as high-risk and clients known to have an infectious disease;
- Written informed consent shall be obtained from each resident or his/her legally appointed representative prior to HIV testing.
- HIV and TB testing and HIV pre-test and post-test counseling to high-risk clients, provided directly or through referral to other healthcare providers which can offer the services; and
- Reporting of communicable diseases to the Department of Health in accordance with Sections 381.0031 and 384.25, F.S.

The identity of any resident upon whom a HIV test has been performed is confidential. Any employee who violates the confidentiality of this information commits a misdemeanor of the first degree. Any person who obtains this confidential information maliciously, for monetary gain, or who makes the information known to any person other than a physician, nurse, or law enforcement agency, commits a felony of the third degree. Any employee that violates the confidentiality of this information shall be reported to the Office of the Inspector General of the Department, is subject to disciplinary action including dismissal, and is punishable as specified in Florida Statutes.
Pursuant to section 381.0035(2), facilities licensed under chapter 397 shall maintain a record of employees and dates of attendance at human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome educational courses. Employees must complete a one-time educational course on the modes of transmission, infection control procedures, clinical management, and prevention of human immunodeficiency virus and acquired immune deficiency syndrome with an emphasis on appropriate behavior and attitude change. Each new employee must have two hours of HIV/AIDS training within the first six months of employment. This training must also be provided for no less than two hours every two years.

All new clinical staff that works at least 20 hours per week or more must receive 20 hours of educational and competency-based training within the first year. Such instruction shall include information on current Florida law and its impact on testing, confidentiality of test results, and treatment of patients and any protocols and procedures applicable to human immunodeficiency counseling and testing, reporting, the offering of HIV testing to pregnant women, and partner notification issues pursuant to ss. 381.004 and 384.25. Network Service Providers shall meet the educational requirements for HIV and AIDS pursuant to Section 381.0035, F.S., and all infection prevention and control educational activities shall be documented.

The Managing Entity is responsible for overseeing the use of HIV Early Intervention funds for identified individuals.

**The role of the HIV Early Intervention Network Service Provider is to:**

Provide substance abuse/mental health services to identified individuals who meet the eligibility requirements. The Network Service Provider will provide the following information:

- Appropriate pretest counseling for HIV and AIDS;
- Testing individuals with respect to such disease, including tests to confirm the presence of the disease, tests to diagnose the extent of the deficiency in the immune system, and tests to provide information on appropriate therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system and for preventing and treating conditions arising from the disease;
- Appropriate post-test counseling;
- Providing the therapeutic measures for preventing and treating the deterioration of the immune system and for preventing and treating conditions arising from the disease; and
- Bill for HIV services pursuant to DCF Pamphlet 155-2 regarding cost center, procedure code, and modifier information and instructions.